Manufacture of medicinal products in Italy: challenges for the Italian Medicines Agency

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Interests in pharmaceutical industry	NO	Current	From 0 to 3 previous years	Over 3 preavious years				
DIRECT INTERESTS:								
1.1 Employment with a company: pharmaceutical company in an executive role	х			☐ mandatory				
1.2 Employment with a company: in a lead role in the development of a medicinal product	Х			☐ mandatory				
1.3 Employment with a company: other activities	х			☐ optional				
2. Consultancy for a company	х			optional				
3. Strategic advisory role for a company	Х			optional				
4. Financial interests	х			optional				
5. Ownership of a patent	Х			☐ optional				
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7. Investigator	Х			optional				
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Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA)



- The Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA) was established in 2003 and it is the only national authority responsible for human drugs regulation in Italy
- AIFA is a public administration operating autonomously, transparently and according to cost-effectiveness criteria



Italian Medicines Agency - Network

 AIFA cooperates with Regional Authorities, National Institute of Health (ISS), Research Institutes, Patients' Associations, Health Professionals, Scientific Associations, Pharmaceutical Industry and with all Regulatory Authorities Worldwide



AIFA's Core Mission

- To promote and protect public health through the safe and appropriate use of pharmaceuticals
- To ensure unity of the national pharmaceutical system in agreement with Regional Authorities
- To assist innovation, efficiency and simplification of marketing authorizations, in order to grant rapid access to innovative drugs and to drugs used for rare diseases



AIFA's broader Mission

- Provide drug expenditure governance in the framework of economic and financial viability and competitiveness of the national and multinational pharmaceutical industry
- Encourage investments in R&D in Italy
- Interact with the community of patients' associations, the scientific medical world, pharmaceutical companies and distributors
- Promote pharmaceutical culture and knowledge





AIFA's governing principles

Belonging



Responsibility



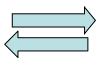
Transparency





Transparency: Duty, Value and Commitment

- Trasparency, Participation and Accountability are part of the Open Government, regulated by Law
- In 2012, 2013 and 2014 AIFA was officially recognized first Italian Public Administration with regard compliance to legal provisions on transparency



Transparency Communication



We opened the doors

Meetings with our stakeholders with the aim to establish a direct dialogue, to optimize regulatory decision paths and to know the impact in real life

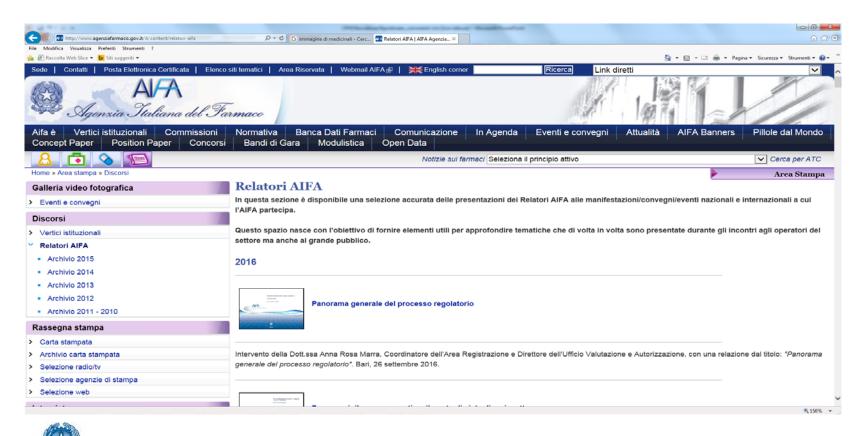
- Meetings called "OPENAIFA" managed by the Director General
- 4 years and ½ 225 meetings 44 dedicated days (about 112 hours)
- Since 2012 (until June 2016) AIFA met representatives of:
 - 11 scientific societies
 - 24 consulting firms
 - 26 associations/federation
 - 3 Federations of Centres
 - 44 associations / federations
 - 107 pharmaceutical companies
 - 13 health professionals and academia

Open AIFA





Participation to national/international conferences to exchange knowledge





National Scientific Advice (SAN)

- Purpose
- Provide early scientific and regulatory support to projects under development
- Types of SAN
- National Registration
- > GMP
- > HTA



Scientific Advice on GMP (1)

- Peculiarity of AIFA: it is the only EU Agency to provide SAN on GMP
- ➤ Due to the high presence of manufacturers in Italy and the expertise of the Agency on manufacturing operations
- Opportunity to get a early advice on new manufacturing site/new production lines/new technologies prior to investment
- Applicable both to finished products and API manufacturers
- No legally binding

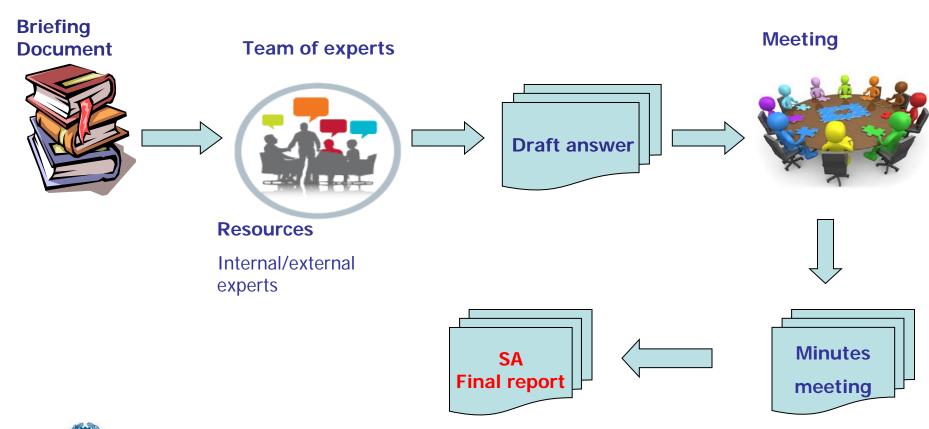


Scientific Advice on GMP (2)

- ➤ Submission before/during the development/implementation of a project to get advice regarding specific applications and interpretation of GMP topics.
- ➤ Closure (final report signed and sent to the applicant) within 90 days from signing the contract with the Agency



Consultancy Process





SAN Trends 2011-2016 (1)

NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC ADVICE / YEAR

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (*)
HTA	0	0	4	6	9	15
GMP	1	1	3	6	4	8
REG	3	9	17	9	11	9
TOTAL	4	10	24	21	24	32

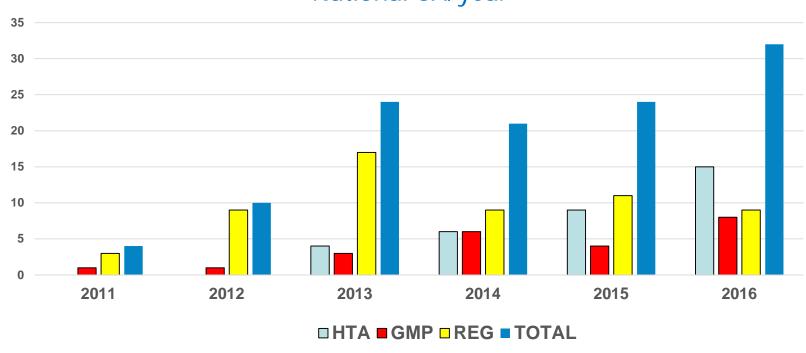
REG: referring to Regulatory SA pre-submission

(*) overall: closed and ongoing



SAN Trends 2011-2016 (2)

National SA/year





Manufacturing sites: some figures

- Currently authorized 567 manufacturing sites:
- ▶ 266: manufacture/importation of medicinal products
- ➤ 146: manufacture/importation of APIs (the figure does not include importers of APIs for captive use)
- ▶ 155: primary and secondary manufacture of medicinal gases



Market destination

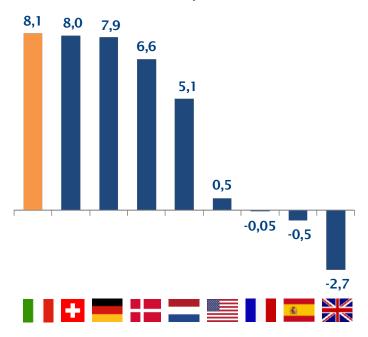
➤ About 75% of the medicinal products manufactured in IT are exported

➤ More than 80 % of the active substances manufactured in IT are exported



Italian production achievement

Export of medicinal products and vaccines: 2010-2014 (billions of US dollars)



Between 2010 and 2014 the export of medicinal products and vaccines manufactured in Italy increased by 50%

Need to be competitive in the international market

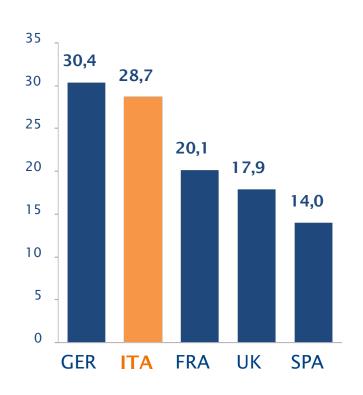
Italy can be considered as a pharmaceutical hub in Europe



Source: Farmindustria, Fondazione Edison, Data in International Trade Center

Italian production achievement

Pharmacetical production (billions of euros, 2014)



Italy is the second major manufacturer in EU in terms of absolute value

Italy is the first manufacturer in EU for pro capita production



Source: revision of Istat data, Eurostat; kindly provided by Farmindustria

CDMO

- Contract Development and Manufacturing Organizations, which perform outsourced production, increased continously in the last years
- ➤ Between 2010 and 2015 there was an increase of 24%



Currently Italy is the major country in EU for CDMO production (1,5 billion €), representing the 29% of the European CDMO full production (5,1 billions €)

Source of data: Prometeia (Consultancy & Economic Research), Report of February 2016; kindly provided by Farmindustria



CDMO: excellence of the Italian production





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Forecasts

- A positive trend is foreseen for the next 5 years
- Investments are essential and maintanance of high standards in production will be crucial
- Services provided will have a growing impact



Efficiency of regulatory procedures will be of paramount importance, alongside with maintenance of a high level of control, in order to guarantee quality



The challenge for AIFA

Keep quality high - Moving forward





Inspections & Certifications Department Challenges (1)

Manufacturing Authorizations Office:

Follow-up of inspections, Manufacturing License (MIA), API authorization and registration (API REG), withdrawal/ suspension of manufacturing license, issuance of GMP certificates, issuance of CPP and CPO certificates, QP appointment



Inspections & Certifications Department Challenges (2)

- ➤ GMP Inspectorate Office (medicinal products)
 Inspections of medicinals products manufacturers
- ➤ API Inspection Unit (active substances)
 Inspections of API manufactures and importers



Some Figures on inspections

- > 1.000 inspections performed in the last three years
- 577 : medicinal products manufacturers
- 229 : active substance manufacturers
- 108: non EU countries (medicinal products and active substances, EMA, EDQM and AIFA inspections)
- 152 : medicinal gas manufacturers



Manufacture Authorization Office: Improving communication

Since December 2014:

- Establishment of a dedicated email infouao@aifa.gov.it
- 36 Clarification notices/guidances published on the website http://www.agenziafarmaco.gov.it/it/content/ispezioni
- 55 Meetings with Companies and Associations



Improving efficiency

- Full revision of templates to be used to submit requests
 (extension of the authorizations, major and minor changes,
 registration of API importation etc.)
 http://www.agenziafarmaco.gov.it/it/content/modulistica-autorizzazioni-officine
- Template for early notification of revamping/new production lines
- Full revision of the Inspections & Certification Dept. Quality system



Improving simplification

- ➤ New procedures for internal processing of the regulatory burden, with the aim to simplify and speed up the issuance of manufacturing authorizations
- ➤ Revision of the «Rules for classification of major and minor changes» of manufacturing facilities, by using historical data and experience to establish a classification mostly based on risk evaluation



GMP Inspectorate: participation to the network

- Participation to the EMA GMDP IWG
- Participation to the EMA GMP Compliance Group
- Participation to the EMA PAT team
- Participation to the EMA WG on ATMPs
- Participation on EMA WG on shortages due to manufacturing issues



GMP Inspectorate: PIC/Sparticipation (1)

- Participation to the PIC/S Committee of Officials:
 - Deputy Chairmanship of the PIC/S SubCommittee on Hamonization
 - De Facto Membership of the SubCommittee on Expert Circles
 - Chairmanship of the Coordinating Committee of PIC/S
 Expert Circle on Human Blood, Tissues, Cells and ATMPs
 - Participation to the PIC/S WG on Aide memoire of ATMPs



GMP Inspectorate: PIC/S participation (2)

- Participation to the PIC/S WG Working Group on Controlling Cross-Contamination in Shared Facilities (CCCISF)
- Participation to the PIC/S WG on Data Integrity
- Participation to the assessment of PIC/S appplicants
- 21th PIC/S Expert Circle on Human Blood, Tissues, Cells and ATMPs, hosted by AIFA – October 2015





Periodic Inspection: risk based approach for medicinal product manufacturers

- Model for a risk assessment for inspection planning of periodic inspections
- ➤ Intrinsic Risk and GMP Compliance Risk are taken into account to establish the risk rating of a site and adapt the inspection frequency accordingly



Intrinsic risk of the site





Risk based approach: outcome

- Starting from 2016 a new risk based approach for periodic inspections planning, aiming at:
 - ✓ A dynamic system of planning
 - ✓ Optimization of available resources
 - ✓ Promoting virtuous behaviour of manufacturers





API Inspection Unit: participation to the network

- Participation to the API International Program
- Participation to the GMDP- IWG
- Participation to the FMD task force with in the HMA, for the impact of the directive on the API importation
- Participation to the EDQM Inspection Program
- Participation to the PIC/S expert circle on API Coordinating Committee
- 6th PIC/S expert circle on API, hosted by AIFA May 2014
- Participation to the CEP Ad Hoc Commitee
- ICH working group on ICH Q7 Q&A





API Periodic Inspection: risk based approach for national manufacturers





Joint Audit Program

Inspections and Certifications Dept. was audited in November 2015 from a team appointed by the European Commision to assess the compliance of the system to the Compilation of Community Procedures and legal framework

http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/regulat ion/general/joint_audit_programme.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac05800 6e06f

Outcome very positive: no deviations were found



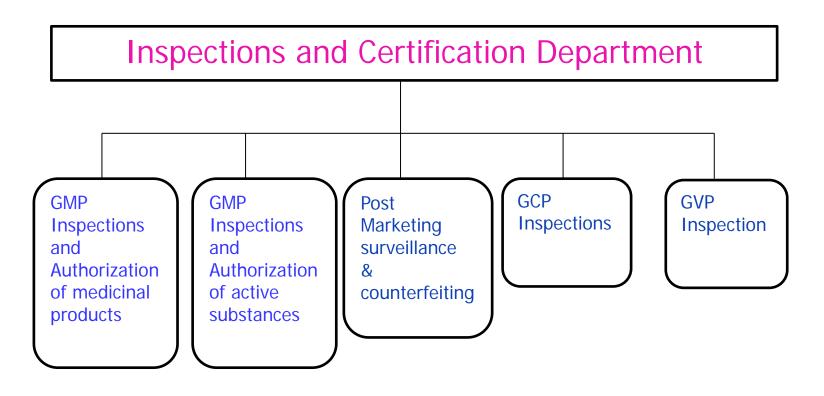
New challenges and further improvements

➤ AIFA is under reorganization according to the new Regulation published on the Official Journal the 17th June 2016

➤ A new Department of Inspection and Certification is in place starting the 1st October, aiming at increasing the efficiency of the system



New Organizational Chart





Final Remarks

- The growth of the system will depend on several drivers, but the two main players will be:
- ➤ High quality standards and technologies adopted by the manufacturers
- Regulatory Governance based on:
 - Strict regulatory control
 - Effectiveness and Efficiency of the manufacturing authorizations process



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