

42nd meeting of the Competent Authorities for Medical Devices

Overview

The Competent Authorities for Medical Devices (CAMD) plenary meeting, held on 15 and 16 May 2018, was hosted by Belgium on behalf of the Bulgarian Presidency. The focus of the 42nd CAMD meeting was on progress made with implementation of the new EU Medical Devices and in vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulations, as well as providing a platform for Member States to share experiences on implementation challenges.

Introduction session

Bulgaria opened the session, which was followed by presentations from Belgium on inspections and their national database.

Governance update

The Chair of the CAMD Executive Group (CEG) and the Commission provided updates on the achievements and results delivered at the end of the first year of the transition period. An update was given on specific ongoing work by the network and the Commission.

Implementation of the new Regulations

An update was given on the work of the Implementation Taskforce in ensuring the European implementation roadmap will be delivered. The stakeholder enquiry form, due to be launched on the camd-europe.eu, was presented.

The Chair of the Transition Subgroup highlighted the areas covered in the FAQ documents on the CAMD website, as well as new areas that the Transition Subgroup have recently discussed.

Specific updates were provided on the work programmes of the COEN, Vigilance, Borderline and Classification, and CIE Working Groups.

An update on the EU Joint Action on Market Surveillance was given, with the Joint Action coordinator informing the CAMD that the stakeholder-specific leaflets were now available on the camd-europe.eu.

Resources and funding

A number of Member States presented details of their plans for implementation and outlined resource implications. Work on co-development of protocols for national implementation is under way and designed to endure consistency of approach across the network.

Emerging activities

A mandate was sought on the establishment of three new subgroups to begin work on specific implementation areas.

CAMD Executive Group election

Elections were held to choose a new CAMD Executive Group (CEG). The CEG is made up of nine members: seven are elected, including the chair and deputy chairs; two are representatives from the current and next countries that are hosting the European Presidency.

The elected members to the new CEG are:

- Paul van Zeijst (the Netherlands) – Chair
- Suzana Oštarčević (Croatia)
- Niall MacAleenan (Ireland)
- Bernhard Bichsel (Switzerland)
- John Wilkinson (United Kingdom)
- Helena Dzojic (Sweden)
- Thomas Wejs Møller (Denmark)

There was an official handover to the new CEG, with Paul van Zeijst setting out the aims of the new Executive Group. The outgoing Chair, John Wilkinson, and Executive Group were thanked for their hard work and contributions over the last two years.

Next Presidency

Austria will hold the next Presidency. The next CAMD plenary will take place in Vienna on 8 and 9 November 2018.