Article 58 procedure

What is Article 58?

- > EMA assessment of quality, safety and efficacy of a medicine or vaccine intended for use only outside the EU;
- > Evaluation carried out in collaboration with WHO and relevant non-EU regulatory authorities;
- > Licensing decision taken by non-EU regulators in countries where the medicine or vaccine will be used;
- > Same standards and procedures as for medicines marketed in the EU.

Which medicines are eligible?

Vaccines or medicines used to prevent or treat public health priority diseases:

- > Vaccines used in the WHO Expanded Programme on Immunization;
- > Medicines for protection against diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis;
- > Medicines for maternal and newborn healthcare.

- What is the process?

After the opinion

Company requests eligibility for Article 58

– Company submits application for scientific review to EMA 🗲

ightarrow Scientific assessment carried out in collaboration with WHO and non-EU regulators —

EMA adopts scientific opinion 🔶

Outcomes 2005–2016

Umbipro: umbilical cord infection treatment;
Mosquirix: malaria vaccine;
Pyramax: malaria treatment;
Hemoprostol: post-partum haemorrhage treatment;
Alluvia, Lamivudine ViiV,
Lamivudine/ Zidovudine ViiV:
HIV treatments;
Hexaxim, Tritanrix HB: combination vaccines against childhood diseases.

> WHO may include the medicine or vaccine in public health recommendations;

Companies can use EMA's opinion to support marketing authorisation applications to regulators in non-EU countries;

> Companies are required to implement risk management plans and follow-up measures;

> EMA can perform a benefit-risk review at any time if new safety information becomes available.

