

SAPRAA Meeting



Alternative API evaluation processes e.g. Confirmation of WHO API Prequalification - CPQ

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Alternative API evaluation processes



- **CEP- Certificate of Suitability-EDQM**
- **CPQ - Confirmation of WHO API Prequalification**

What **happened** following the inclusion of the CPQ information in the P&A guideline??

About CPQ



- **What is CPQ?**
- **What benefits does CPQ offer?**
- **How to submit when a CPQ is used ?**
- **What information is required in addition to CPQ?**
- **What is the difference between CPQ and CEP in terms of submission?**
- **Finding API's and API sources that have CPQ's**

What is CPQ?



The CPQ is a confirmation document provided by the WHO [prequalification \(PQ\)](#) of Medicines Programme/Team indicating that the relevant API has been evaluated and conforms to the WHO requirements for prequalification of APIs.



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When a CPQ is issued?



A CPQ (Confirmation of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient Prequalification document) is issued by WHO PQ medicines programme to the successful API-PQ applicant

This document may be provided at the discretion of the API manufacturer to other parties, such as FPP manufacturers.



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What does the CPQ contain?



Provided to the API manufacturer for distribution at their discretion

- The assigned WHO application number.
- The INN name of the active pharmaceutical ingredient.
- API manufacturer company name.
- The API specification version number.
- A copy of the API specifications.
- The assigned re-test period.
- The recommended storage conditions.
- A copy of the assay and related substances test methods.

Intended for: UN agencies, National medicine authorities, FPP manufacturers



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WHO requirements for PQ API's



The requirements for submission of an API to WHO for PQ is located *Guidelines on submission of documentation for a multisource (generic) finished pharmaceutical product (FPP): Quality part* ([TRS 970, Annex 4](#))



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What benefits does the CPQ offer?



Applicant & Regulator

- API prequalification provides an assurance that the API concerned is of good quality and manufactured in accordance with WHO Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) –recognised MCC
- The prequalification guidelines are inline with the guidance of the stringent regulatory agencies
- Reduced product dossier assessment time – reduced API source change assessment time
- Less data required as opposed to DMF/ASMF/APIMF submission (e.g detailed route of synthesis not required)



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Benefits to API manufacturers



- API's can be prequalified independent of an FPP application.
- Public recognition as a source of quality API, manufactured in compliance with GMP.
- Serves as a point of difference between good quality and poor quality APIs.
- Opportunities to verify compliance with GMP.
- Opportunities to compile, revise and refine their regulatory documentation, leading to quicker acceptance by other national regulatory agencies.
- There is currently no fee.
- Investigations are being made how API PQ can be recognised by National authorities. MCC South Africa has recognised and accepted CPQ (API) in Aug 2014. Other regulatory agencies that recognise CPQ are Malaysia; The East African Community and Zimbabwe

Benefits to FPP manufacturers



- Ease of identifying potential sources of quality API.
- Identifying API manufacturers with robust quality systems in place.
- Identifying API manufacturers that maintain good regulatory documentation, which may be used in regulatory submissions.
- Reduced API assessment requirements (PQP)
- Reduced post-prequalification variation (changes) requirements.
- There is no fee.



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(Courtesy: WHO prequalification of Medicines Programme-Dr A Fake)

What benefits does the CPQ offer?



Applicant

- API PQ helps identify acceptable sources of quality APIs manufactured in compliance with GMP
- Saves time, resources and costs in finding reliable manufacturers
- Less information is required as compared to ASMF/APIMF/DMF evaluation



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Validity of CPQ



Third parties receiving copies of a Confirmation of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) Prequalification Document can confirm the validity of this document in two ways:

- First, the confirmation document includes an authorization box. This box should be filled out by the API manufacturer in the name of the manufacturer or agent seeking to use the document.
- Second, the validity of the Confirmation of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) Prequalification document can be determined by comparing the date of the document with that published on the List of prequalified APIs.

Please note: A revised Confirmation of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) Prequalification document will be issued every time there is a change in the API specifications, retest or storage condition, assay or related substance test method.



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How to submit when CPQ is used



Process is similar to that of CEP

- As per Amendment guideline requirements i.e 1.0; 1.1; 1.2.1; 1.5.2.1; 3.0; 3.1;
- [3.2.S](#) (limited information);
- 3.2.R.3- CPQ is complete and accompanied by the accepted
 - specifications,
 - assay and related substance methodology,
 - retest period and storage conditions.
 - Also ensure that the authorisation box of the CPQ is filled out by the API manufacturer in the name of the manufacturer or applicant seeking to use the document.

Difference in CEP & CPQ submissions



CEP	WHO CPQ
Assessment by EDQM	Assessment by WHO PQ team
Certificate of suitability issued	Confirmation of prequalification document
May or may not include GMP inspection	Always include GMP inspection
API conforms with Ph.Eur monograph (note annexes)	Accepted tests and methods as per CPQ
May or may not include re-test period	Includes retest period and storage conditions
Specifications based on monograph and annexes	Copy of specification (vers & date) included
Declaration of access by holder of CEP	Authorisation box by holder of API CPQ
Minimal additional information required	<u>Minimal additional</u> information required
Includes assessment of any API included in Ph. Eur (limited to Ph.Eur monograph)	Includes only ARV; TB; Malaria; reproductive health; anti-diarrhoea; neglected tropical diseases i.e limited to therapeutic areas but not to a single pharmacopoeia



Finding API's with CPQ's



The date of prequalification is the date when the API is published on the WHO List of Prequalified Active Pharmaceutical ingredients.

http://www.who.int/prequal/info_applicants/API_PQ-List.htm

Prequalification of Medicines website



Prequalification of Medicines Programme - Windows Internet Explorer

http://apps.who.int/prequal/

World Health Organization

Prequalification of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients - Information for applicants

Prequalification of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients - Information for applicants

- **General information**
 - An introduction to WHO prequalification of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs)
 - Who can participate
 - What information is required
 - Application form
 - Where this information should be submitted
 - What requirements and standards must be met in order to be prequalified
 - What information is published in the WHO List of Prequalified Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients
 - The Confirmation of API Prequalification Document
 - What happens if an API master file (APIMF) has already been submitted in relation to a finished pharmaceutical product (FPP) that has been prequalified
 - Disclaimer
 - Confidentiality
- **Active pharmaceutical ingredients (Pilot project) - Expression of Interest**
 - Invitations for Expression of Interest (EOI)
- **Prequalification guidelines related to active pharmaceutical ingredients**
 - Guidance on technical content of an APIMF
- **Information for national medicines regulatory agencies (NMRAs)**
 - For NMRAs seeking further information on the assessment of prequalified APIs

<http://www.who.int/prequal>



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WHO List of Prequalified APIs



Publically available

- WHO application number.
- INN name.
- Date of prequalification.
- Name of the applicant
- Sites of API manufacture.
- The APIMF version number.
- The API specification version number.
- The primary and secondary packaging components.
- The assigned re-test period.
- The recommended storage conditions.
- Confirmation of API PQ document issue date

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Publishing



API Name	Manufacturer	Country	Marketing Status	Approval Date	Expiration Date
Aspirin	Novartis	Switzerland	Active	1955	2025
Paracetamol	Novartis	Switzerland	Active	1955	2025
Amoxicillin	Novartis	Switzerland	Active	1972	2022
Clarithromycin	Novartis	Switzerland	Active	1995	2025
Fluoxetine	Novartis	Switzerland	Active	1987	2025
Levamisole	Novartis	Switzerland	Active	1966	2025
Metformin	Novartis	Switzerland	Active	1959	2025
Phenylephrine	Novartis	Switzerland	Active	1959	2025
Salicylic Acid	Novartis	Switzerland	Active	1959	2025
Trichloroacetic Acid	Novartis	Switzerland	Active	1959	2025

List of PQ APIs
Website (Public)



Country	Number of WHOPIRs
Algeria	1
Angola	1
Argentina	1
Australia	1
Austria	1
Bahrain	1
Bangladesh	1
Belgium	1
Brazil	1
Bulgaria	1
Canada	1
Chad	1
China	1
Colombia	1
Cuba	1
Czechia	1
Dominican Republic	1
Egypt	1
Ecuador	1
Egypt	1
France	1
Germany	1
Ghana	1
Guatemala	1
Hong Kong	1
India	1
Indonesia	1
Italy	1
Jamaica	1
Japan	1
Kenya	1
Lebanon	1
Madagascar	1
Malaysia	1
Mexico	1
Moldova	1
Morocco	1
Netherlands	1
Nigeria	1
Poland	1
Romania	1
Russia	1
Saudi Arabia	1
South Africa	1
South Korea	1
Spain	1
Sri Lanka	1
Taiwan	1
Tanzania	1
Turkey	1
Uganda	1
United Kingdom	1
United States	1
Vietnam	1
Zambia	1
Zimbabwe	1

WHOPIRs
Website (Public)

Confirmation of WHOPIR
Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient Registration

API Name: PARACETAMOL
Manufacturer: NOVARTIS
WHOPIR registration number: WHOPIR/123456789
API registration number: WHOPIR/123456789

The WHOPIR registration number is a unique identifier for the API. It is used to track the registration process and to ensure that the API is registered in the WHOPIR database. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the expiration date of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the status of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the history of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the compliance of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the quality of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the safety of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the efficacy of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the cost of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the time of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the location of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the date of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the time of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the location of the registration. The WHOPIR registration number is also used to track the date of the registration.

Confirmation Document (Private)



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Abbreviations



- API – Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (*drug substance*)
- CPQ- confirmation of prequalification (API)
- FPP – Finished Pharmaceutical Product (*drug product*)
- APIMF – Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient Master File (*DMF*)
- PQ-APIs – Prequalification of Active pharmaceutical Ingredient
- SRA – Stringent Regulatory Authority
- GMP – Good Manufacturing Practice

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