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APIs

Starting materials

- System for evaluating suppliers of critical starting materials (7.11 7.13)
- Suppliers evaluation (history, questionnaire, audit, samples) (Expect.)
- Formal approval of suppliers by QU (7.12)
- Approved suppliers list should include original manufacturer (not only the trader) (Expect.)

APIs

Starting materials

- Companies should formally define (risk analysis) criticality of starting materials and how to evaluate relative suppliers (Expect.)

APIs

Starting materials

- Manufacturers of critical starting materials should be known (7.13)
- Change control for changing of source of critical starting material (7.14)
- Critical parameters (ex. impurity profile) checked on appropriate number of batches after change (Expect.)

APIs

Starting materials

-Starting materials for APIs are not subject to GDPs

but

-Systems in place to ensure appropriate transport and storage conditions (7.20)

APIs

Labels (outside the control of manufact.)
(9.43 10.22)

- Name, address of manufacturer
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- Special storage conditions
- Expiry date
- Retest date (could be on CoA only)

APIs

Seals (9.46)

-Validated sealing system (Expect.)

APIs

Transport

- Responsibility should be assigned (agreement, audit) (10.23)
- Assessment of transport conditions (T profile, data logger etc.) (10.21)

APIs

Illegal practice

- Change of labels and copy of CoA (9.43 11.44)
- Sub-contracting certain manufacturing operations by traders:
 - micronization
 - sterilization (gamma, beta)

Finished products

Starting materials

- Approved suppliers, better the manufacturer (5.26)
- Agreed specifications (5.26)

Finished products

Starting materials (if APIs)

- Audit of APIs suppliers (Expect.)
- APIs suppliers licensed in their country (CH)
- APIs from EU provided with Batch Certificate (EU/Switzerland)??

Finished products

Starting materials

- Companies should formally define (risk analysis) criticality of starting materials and how to evaluate relative suppliers (Expect.)

Finished products

Starting materials

- Appropriate storage conditions (provided, checked, monitored (3.19)
- Temperature mapping (representative or worst position) (Expect.)

Finished products

Contract manufacturing

- Assessment of the competence of Contract Acceptor (7.3)
- Technical agreement (*visit* of the facilities!) (7.14)
- Regular audits (Expect.)

Finished products

Contract manufacturing

- In case of countries whose GMP system is not recognized by Switzerland, Swissmedic can perform abroad inspections
- Finished products and/or intermediates coming from EU should be provided with a Batch Certificate (normally no inspections carried out) (EU/Switzerland)

Bibliography

- EU GMPs part I
- EU GMPs Part II
- PIC/S Aide-Memoire “Inspection of APIs” PI-030-1
- Ordinanza Autorizzazione Medicamenti (OAM)

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