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GMP for Cannabis – what you need to know



Live Online Conference on 5-6 June 2024



Every participant
will receive the printed version of
**ECA's Cannabis
Roadmap** - Global GMP Require-
ments and Regulatory Information
on Medicinal Cannabis
(and CBD Products)!

*All relevant GMP/GDP/GACP aspects for
Medical Cannabis!*

Highlights

- GACP/GMP/GDP Requirements for Medical Cannabis
- Medicinal cannabis products that do not require a Marketing Authorization
- How to get a MA-, Import-License (MIA) / How to get a GMP Certificate
- Experiences from Current Inspections
- Aspects to Consider for CBD
- Requirements of the Narcotics Law
- Update from the German Cannabis Agency
- How to get GMP certified for Export
- Facility Design
- Qualification/Validation

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Non-official English translations of the German Pharmacopoeia (DAB) Monographs Cannabis flower and Cannabis Extract

Objectives

Medical cannabis has been permitted for prescription in Germany since 2017, causing a need for producers supplying pharmacists and physicians with the newly legalized drug. In addition, more and more countries around the world are following Germany by introducing programs in order to legalize cannabis for medical use. But what qualifies as medical grade cannabis? And which aspects have to be considered for CBD-Products? This conference will give you an overview of all relevant regulatory and GACP/GMP/GDP requirements and aspects for medical cannabis and CBD-Products.

Background

In March 2017, the national German legislature expanded the options for prescribing medical cannabis products by passing a law amending provisions under the Narcotics Law and other regulations. These products, however, must comply with the relevant requirements laid down under Medicinal and Narcotics Law, including GACP/ GMP and GDP. Therefore, the BfArM (the Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices) has taken over new responsibilities by establishing the Cannabis Agency. This agency is meant to help in ensuring supplies for medical-quality cannabis.

Unlike AGES in Austria, though, where cultivation of medical cannabis was already established, cannabis is not cultivated by BfArM itself, but by commissioned companies. Cannabis is not meant to be stored directly at BfArM during any stage of the purchasing, harvesting or distribution process. These steps will be carried out by relevant producers or other commissioned companies (i.e. suppliers, importers, wholesalers). Hence, the agency manages and monitors the cultivation, harvest, processing, quality assurance, storage, packaging and distribution of cannabis to wholesalers, pharmacists or manufacturers.

The GMP inspectorates are responsible for issuing manufacturing and import licenses or "GMP Certificates". Thus, they will perform inspections at the sites of manufacturers who apply for these certificates and licenses. In summary:

- The Cannabis Agency is responsible for ensuring that only medical grade cannabis is supplied,
- The relevant requirements based on the underlying legal framework (including Pharmacopoeias) and the corresponding GMP, GDP and GACP guidelines must be complied with, and finally
- Cannabis for medical purposes is also subject to the provisions of the Narcotics Law.

Non-EU suppliers will have to implement EU-GMP standards if they want to supply medical cannabis to the EU market. Meanwhile, European pharmacopoeial monographs (Ph. Eur.) describing the quality requirements for cannabis flower (as API and for direct prescription to patients) and for CBD have been established and will be implemented as of 1 July 2024. However, questions still arise, because:

- There is no harmonized "EU GMP Cannabis Standard" available for medical cannabis (API / Drug Product).
- The Ph. Eur. Cannabis Flower and CBD monographs are currently not harmonized with the corresponding USP (draft) monographs.
- Regarding quality requirements for Cannabis Extracts (and Dronabinol) only national monographs exist so far.

Thus, national legislations, guidelines and pharmacopoeial monographs will have to be followed and applied in addition to EU-GMP.

Target Audience

This Live Online Conference addresses specific GMP aspects to consider for Growers, Manufacturers, Start-Ups, Suppliers, Importers, Wholesalers, QPs and QA/QC personnel involved in Cannabis production and release. The topics provided are also of interest for GACP/GMP/GDP Inspectors responsible for issuing a "GMP certificate" or manufacturers/import license.

Moderation

Dr Ingrid Walther / Dr Andrea Kühn-Hebecker
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Programme - 5 June 2024

Welcome

Introduction

- GMP for Cannabis: setting the scene



Discussion

GMP Certification / Challenges and Experiences from current Inspections

- Authorization, registration & import
- Which requirements apply?
- Current issues

The Intersection between GACP and GMP - View on the Inspection of Cannabis GACP and its Relation to GMP

- When does GACP end and (EU) GMP start?
- What will be checked during GACP and EU GMP inspections?
- Observations in inspections
- Open questions and issues to be solved



Discussion

Regulatory Status and Quality Standard of Cannabinoids Manufacture

- Pharma, food and cosmetic products and requirements
- How to differentiate between CBD/Cannabis Products for medical use and other CBD (Hemp) Products?
- Which legal rules apply?
- Practical examples



Final Discussion Day 1

Programme - 6 June 2024

Cannabis Cultivation under GACP

- Requirements for buildings, facilities and Equipment
- Cultivation / Harvesting
- Drying /Trimming
- Waste management

Drying of Medicinal Cannabis – Challenges for Process Validation

- Post-harvest processes as a preparation for drying of Medical Cannabis
- Drying process - different types of drying
- Sampling and testing during drying- what are the challenges
- Validation of the drying process and determination of the end of drying
- Curing and why it is needed
- Testing after curing and storage of dry cannabis flowers



Discussion

Update from the German Cannabis Agency

- Current Status of Medical Cannabis in Germany
- Development of Cannabis Monographs (DAB / Ph. Eur.)
- Changes in the submission requirements for AmRadV applications
- Current Challenges



Discussion

Israel Medical Cannabis Regulation

- The Israeli Medical Cannabis unit and the licensing process
- Major guidelines: IMC-GAP, IMC-GMP, IMC-GDP, IMC-GSP
- Differences and similarities: Israel vs. Europe
- The export process to Europe
- The import process of medical cannabis to Israel

Experiences – Lessons learned

- Application of GMP principles to Cannabis:
 - Quality management System (QMS)
 - Facility Design
 - Qualification / Validation: Points to consider



Final Discussion Day 2

Speakers



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Viviana joined Cronos Israel in May 2019 as VP Quality and Regulations. She escorted the company from initial permits approvals through products commercialization and regulatory updates. Viviana has over 25 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and chemical industry in the areas of quality assurance, compliance, technical customer service, supply chain, process development of active pharmaceuticals as well as chemical compounds. She is also a member of the ASTM Cannabis Committee.



Tina Cacanaska, PharmaRolly, North Macedonia
Tina currently works as a Chief Quality Officer and QP at PharmaRolly, a Medical Cannabis company in North Macedonia. In the last six years she has gained a huge amount of experience in quality and regulatory aspects in the medical cannabis industry. Tina has led PharmaRolly's EU GMP certification process for the past year.



Dr Rainer Gnihl, GMP Inspector,
District Government of Upper Bavaria, Germany
District Government and the EMA and performs GMP inspections worldwide. Before that, he was working for the Bavarian Ministry of Environment and Health. Rainer Gnihl also holds a lectureship at the University Erlangen-Nürnberg.



Dominik Hedderich, Genillard, Germany
Dominik studied at the University of Hohenheim (Master of Science - MS, Crop Science). Amongst others, he was working for AltoVerde as a Horticultural Consultant and has extensive experience in the development and operation of crop production systems. Currently, he is Risk Analytics Consultant at Genillard in Munich. His current work focuses on risk analysis and the development of risk mitigation strategies for the agricultural sector.



Prof Dr Werner Knöss (invited), Head of the German Cannabis Agency, BfArM, Germany
Prof Knöss is currently Vice President at the BfArM (German Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices) and Head of the Cannabis Agency. Since 2005 he has been Head of Division Licensing 4. He is chairperson of the German Pharmacopeia and he was chairman of EMA's HMPC from 2010 to 2016. He also holds a professorship at the University of Bonn.



Luis Meirinhos Soares, CANNAVIGIA, former GMP Inspector at INFARMED, Portugal, Member of ECA's Cannabis Working Group
Luis worked as GMP / GDP Inspector and Project Manager for "GACP Inspections" of Medicinal Cannabis, at INFARMED. He has more than twenty years' experience in the field of official medicines control, has been appointed expert of several Ph. Eur. Working Groups and was Seconded National Expert for the Pharmaceutical Quality Office at EMA. Currently he is Head of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs at CANNAVIGIA.



Dr Giorgia Tossi, Linnea, Switzerland, Member of ECA's Cannabis Working Group
Giorgia studied Organic Chemistry, Business, at the University of California in Berkeley. She was Quality Assurance Coordinator at Sandoz, Italy, before she started her work as Technical Director / Quality Unit Executive Manager at Linnea in Switzerland in 2005. Since October 2019 she is Chief Quality Officer at Linnea.



Dr Ingrid Walther, Pharma Consulting Walther, Germany, Leader of the ECA Cannabis Working Group
Dr Walther joined Fresenius AG in 1986 and was employed in various positions and has many years of experience in research and development, quality assurance/quality control and management of strategic projects. Since July 2009, she runs her own business as GMP compliance consultant, recently including many Cannabis Projects.

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