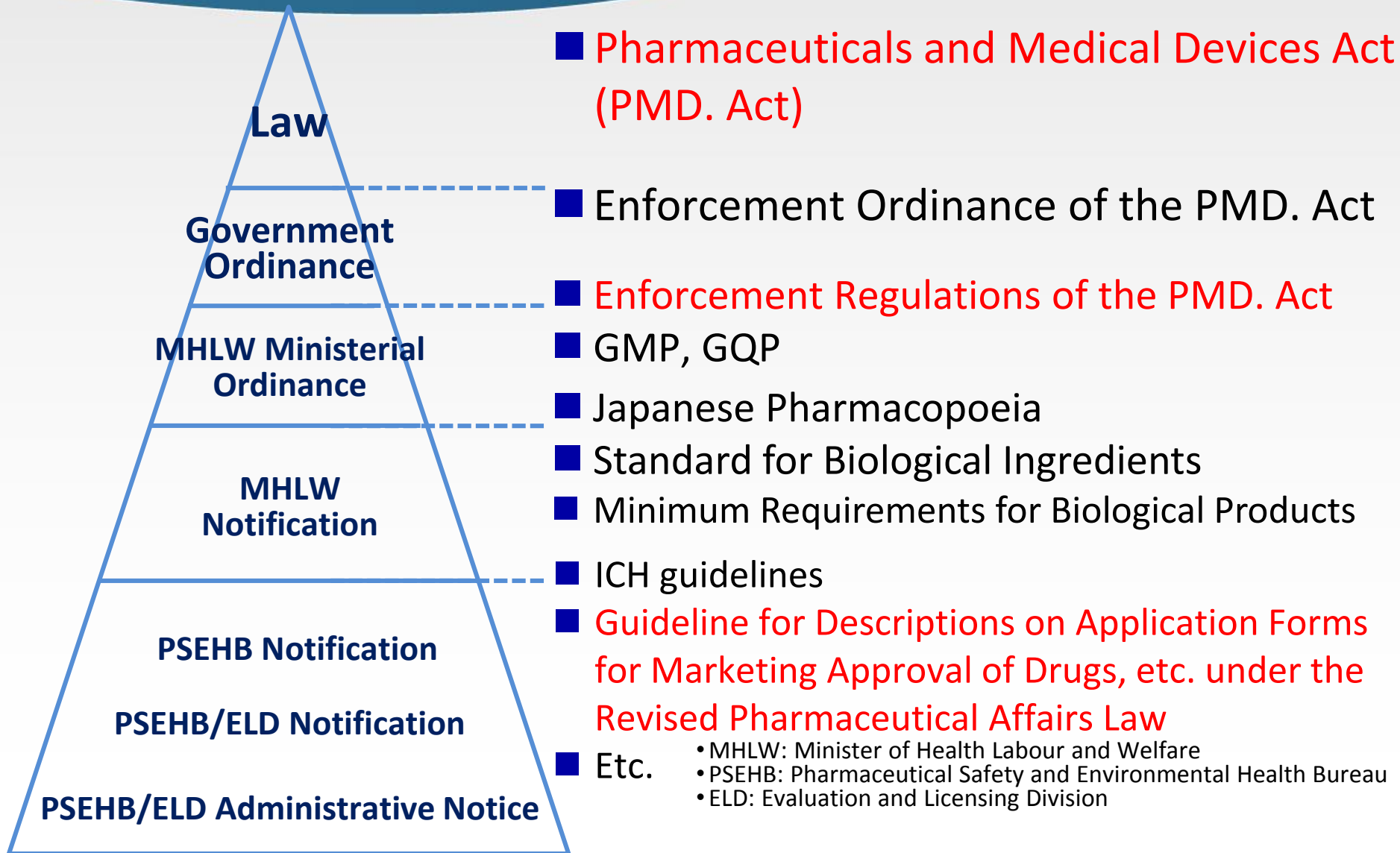


# Consideration point of Post-approval change

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# Regulatory Framework in Japan



# PMD. Act

**(Marketing approval to drug etc.)**

**Article 14** Persons intending to market a drug ..... must obtain approval of the Minister for marketing of each item.

## **Partial Change Application (PCA)**

**9** When persons who have received approval as specified in Paragraph 1 wish to make a partial change of approval items (excluding cases where such changes are minor changes as specified by MHLW Ordinance), approval of the Minister must be obtained for such cases. In such cases, the provisions of the preceding paragraphs shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

## **Minor Change Notification (MCN)**

**10** A person who has obtained approval specified in Paragraph 1 shall submit a notification of minor changes specified by MHLW Ordinance in the preceding paragraph to the Minister as specified by MHLW Ordinance.

# Enforcement Regulations of the PMD. Act

## (Range of minor change in the approval items)

**Article 47** The **minor changes** specified by MHLW Ordinance pursuant to the provisions of Article 14, Paragraph 10 of the Act shall be changes **other than those specified below**.

- (1) **Changes in the manufacturing methods, etc. that will affect the nature, properties, performance, or safety of a product**
- (2) **Deletion of items from the specifications and changes in the specifications**
- (3) **Changes concerning methods for the inactivation or elimination of pathogenic factors**
- (4) **Addition, changes or deletions concerning the dosage and administration, or the indications**
- (5) **In addition to those specified in the preceding items, any changes that could potentially affect the quality, efficacy, or safety of a product**

# Relationship between Application Form and ICH CTD

**Approved Matters**

**Application Form**



*Extracted*

**Main review document**

**Module 2 (QOS)**



*Summarized*

**Module 3**



# Section of Application Form

- General name (JAN)
- Brand name
- Composition
- Manufacturing process, incl. control of materials
- Specifications
- Dosage and administration
- Indications
- Storage condition and shelf-life
- Manufacturing sites information

# Japan's Effective/Efficient/Flexible Quality Regulation

**Legally binding**

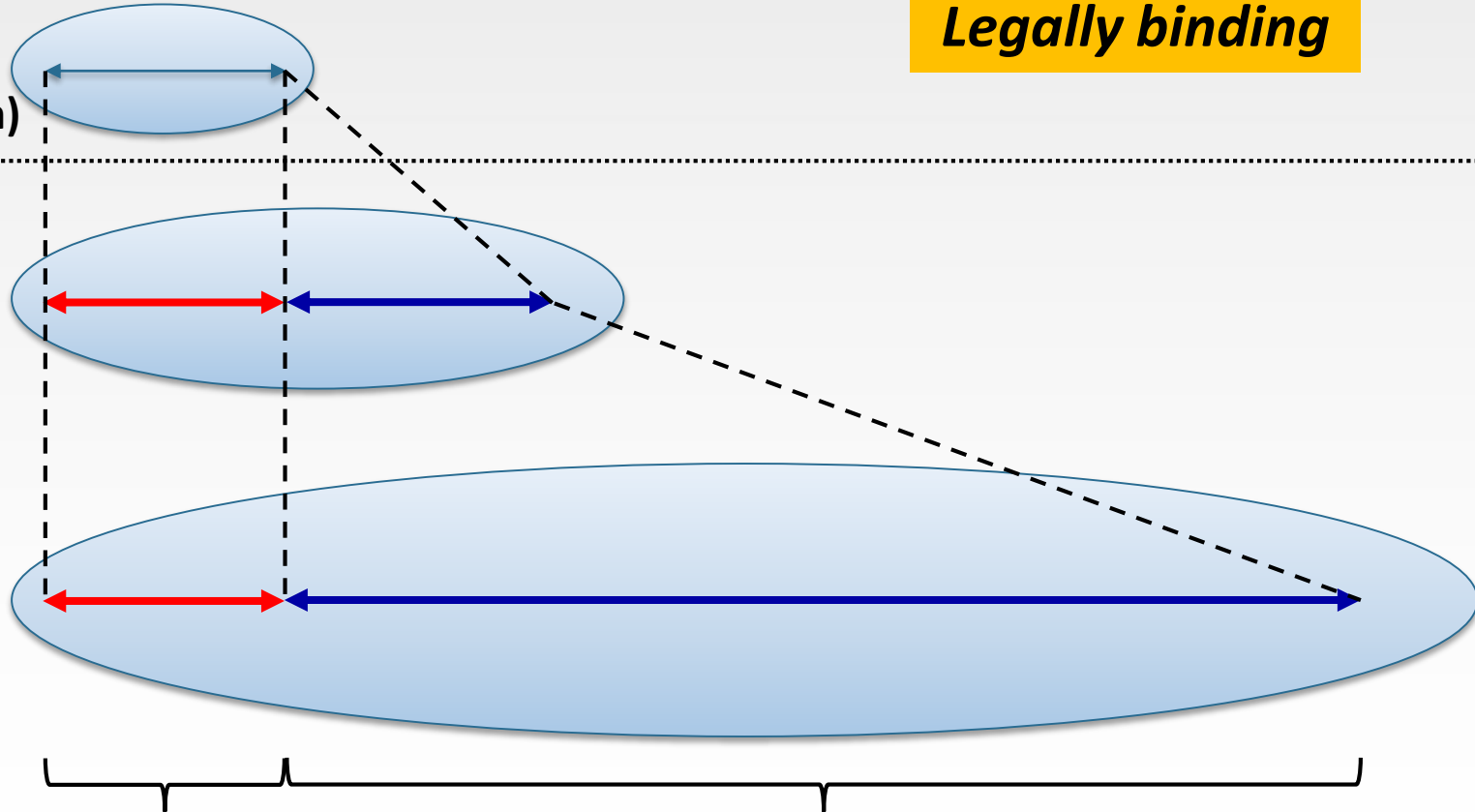
Module 1  
(Application Form)

Module 2 (QOS)

Module 3

**Not-Changeable** without  
regulatory procedures (PCA/MCN)

**Changeable** without regulatory  
procedures (PCA/MCN)



# Revision of PAL\* in 2002 (enforced in 2005)

\*: Pharmaceutical Affairs Law  
currently Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act (PMD. Act)

## Revision of the Quality Regulation and Needs for Practice Development

1. MAH's responsibility for the Quality management  
New Ministerial Ordinance (GQP), Guidance- ICH Q10
2. Manufacturing process commitment  
Policy Notification, Guidance- Case study, Mock
3. Drug Master File system  
Policy Notification
4. Consolidation of the Legal Positioning of GMP  
Revise GMP Ministerial Ordinance,  
Policy Notification: Pre-approval and Foreign inspections
5. Revision and Consolidation of GMP standards  
Revise GMP Ministerial Ordinance,  
Guidance: Product GMP, Change Control

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# Regulatory change in Application Form (1)

## Chemicals

## Mandatory for all products

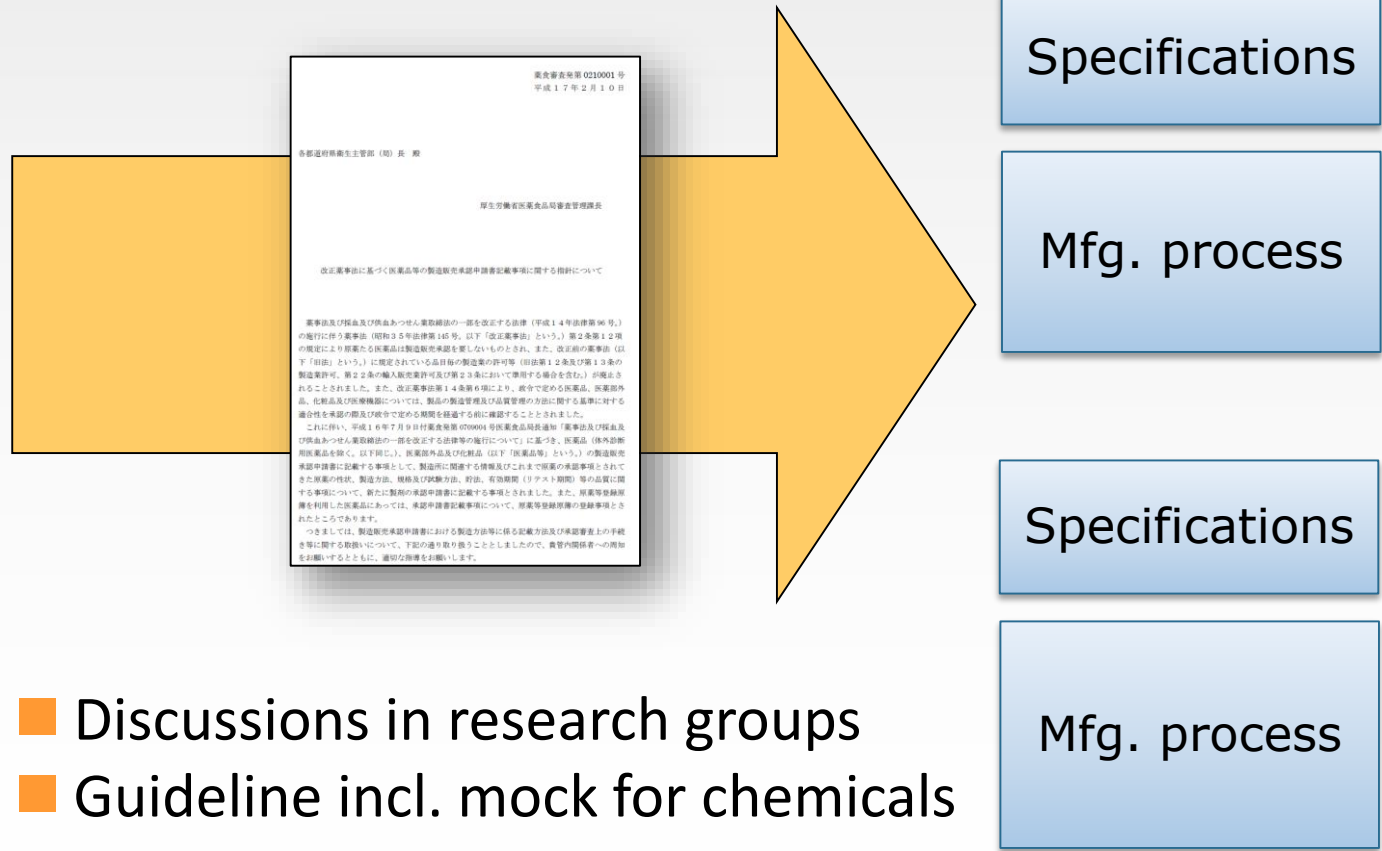
Specifications

Mfg. process

## Biologics

Specifications

Mfg. process



Guideline for Descriptions on Application Forms for Marketing Approval of Drugs, etc. under the Revised Pharmaceutical Affairs Law in 2005  
<http://www.pmda.go.jp/files/000153677.pdf> (in English)

## Regulatory change in Application Form (2)

- Minor Change Notification in mfg. process section was introduced.
- Harmonization among ICH regions was considered.
  - CBE30/Type1B, Annual Report/Type1A, Comparability Protocol were NOT introduced.
  - Information/elements classified as Annual Report/Type1A were considered as non-Approved Matters.

# Post-Approval Change Reporting Categories

Impact on quality	Japan	US	EU
High	<b>Partial change Application</b> (prior approval for change)	Major change (Prior approval supplement)	Type II variation (Application for approval of variation)
Moderate	<b>Minor change Notification</b> (within 30 days after implementation or shipping)	1) Supplement-changes being effected (CBE) in 30 days	Type IB variation (Notification before implementation and MAHs must wait a period of 30 days)
		2) Supplement-changes being effected (CBE)	Type IA <sub>IN</sub> variation (Immediate notification)
Low	<b>(Non-approved matters)</b>	Minor change (Annual report)	Type IA variation (Notification within 12 months after implementation)

# Review Process of MAA with document flow

