PHARMACOPEIAL DISCUSSION GROUP

CORRECTION OF SIGN-OFF COVER SHEET Q-01 DISSOLUTION

(Correction of the Sign off cover sheet Rev 3, signed 10 June 2010)

Harmonised provisions

Provision	Ph. Eur.	JP	USP
Apparatus 1 (Basket apparatus)	+	+	+
Apparatus 2 (Paddle apparatus)	+	+	+
Apparatus 3 (Reciprocating cylinder)	+	-	+
Apparatus 4 (Flow-through cell)	+	+	+
Procedure, apparatus 1 or 2:			
Immediate-release dosage forms	+	+	+
Extended-release dosage forms	+	+	+
Delayed-release dosage forms	+	_	+
Procedure, apparatus 3:			
Immediate-release dosage forms	+	_	+
Extended-release dosage forms	+	_	+
Delayed-release dosage forms	+	_	+
Procedure, apparatus 4:			
Immediate-release dosage forms	+	+	+
Extended-release dosage forms	+	+	+
Delayed-release dosage forms	+	-	+
Interpretation:			
Immediate-release dosage forms	+	+	+
Extended-release dosage forms	+	+	+
Delayed-release dosage forms	+	_	+
LEGEND			
+: will adopt and implement			
-: will not stipulate			

Table of terminology of release characteristic of dosage forms:

Some of the terminology used to describe the release characteristic of dosage forms has not been harmonised. The following terminology equivalency table is given to aid understanding of the sign-off text.

USP	JP	Ph. Eur.	
Immediate-release dosage forms		Conventional-release dosage forms	
Extended-release dosage forms		Prolonged-release dosage forms	

Residual Differences:

- In the USP, where dissolution failure occurs because of evidence of cross-linking in dosage forms containing gelatin, the test may be repeated with the addition of enzymes.
- USP specifies the use of USP calibrators for the calibration of dissolution apparatus. 2)
- As indicated in the text, JP will not include Apparatus 3, nor sections related to 3) delayed-release dosage forms. As for delayed-release dosage forms, JP stipulates a different local procedure and interpretation.
- Procedure, Apparatus 1 or 2, EP will allow performance of the test without removal of the thermometer if validation has been carried out in this way.
- 5) The USP will specify the procedure and acceptance criteria for pooled dissolution.
- 6) The use of larger vessels in Apparatus l and 2 is accepted as a local USP requirement and is therefore currently outside the harmonized text. USP local text for larger vessels states the following, "for a nominal volume of 2L, the height is 280 mm to 300 mm and its inside diameter is 98 mm to 106 mm; and for a nominal capacity of 4L, the height is 280 mm to 300 mm and its inside diameter is 145 mm to 155 mm."

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