

Update from Manufacturing Quality Branch

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MQB

What's happening now?

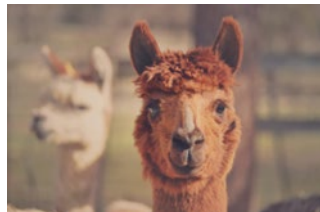
What's around the corner?

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Outline

MQB ...

... assists in the timely supply of therapeutic goods, ensuring they are of appropriate quality for their entire lifecycle.



MQB Structure



What we do

MQB

- assesses manufacturers' compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices for medicines, blood, tissue and cellular therapy products
- coordinates recalls for all types of therapeutic goods.
- is responsible for quality requirements for medicinal cannabis, MDMA, psilocybine.



What's happening now?

- Regulatory reform projects
- Business improvements
- International collaboration activities



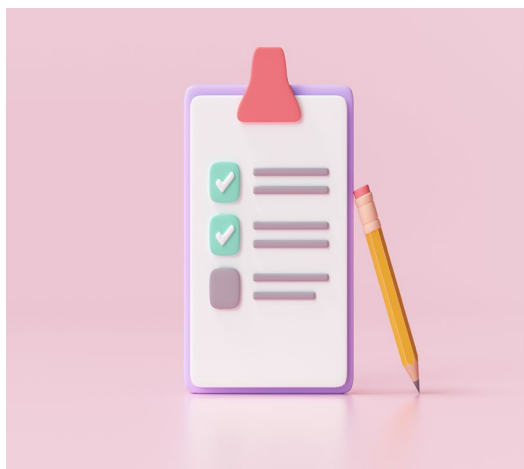
New quality standards for MDMA and psilocybine



Supply under Authorised Prescriber (AP)

- First jurisdiction to supply as medicines, strict controls on access.
- Quality requirements to ensure alignment with clinical trial products.
- Testing of active ingredient by GMP-licensed labs before use in compounding

Medicinal cannabis – TGO 93 quality requirements



- New requirements – labelling and GMP for overseas manufacturing, came into effect mid-2023
- Most frequent medicine problem reports – appearance, mould contamination



Post-implementation review and testing survey

- Survey of sponsors supplying the most products under special access pathways
- Evidence of GMP certification, certificates of analysis, labels
- Samples of dried flower for microbiological testing.



Publication of results

Surveillance Inspections

Reduced duration re-inspections – A1 and A2 sites

- Same scope, less depth
- Reduced time on site
 - reduced inspection costs
 - TGA covers more sites
 - reduces COVID backlog
- Modified Inspection Report
- Same outcomes
 - GMP Certificates
 - GMP Clearances



Recall Reforms Program

What are we doing next?

- Reviewing and analysing all the responses to the Discussion Paper
- Further engagement with some stakeholder groups
- Reviewing our legislative powers regarding mandating specific actions and complex supply chains
- Recalls education material
- Further updates to the URPTG

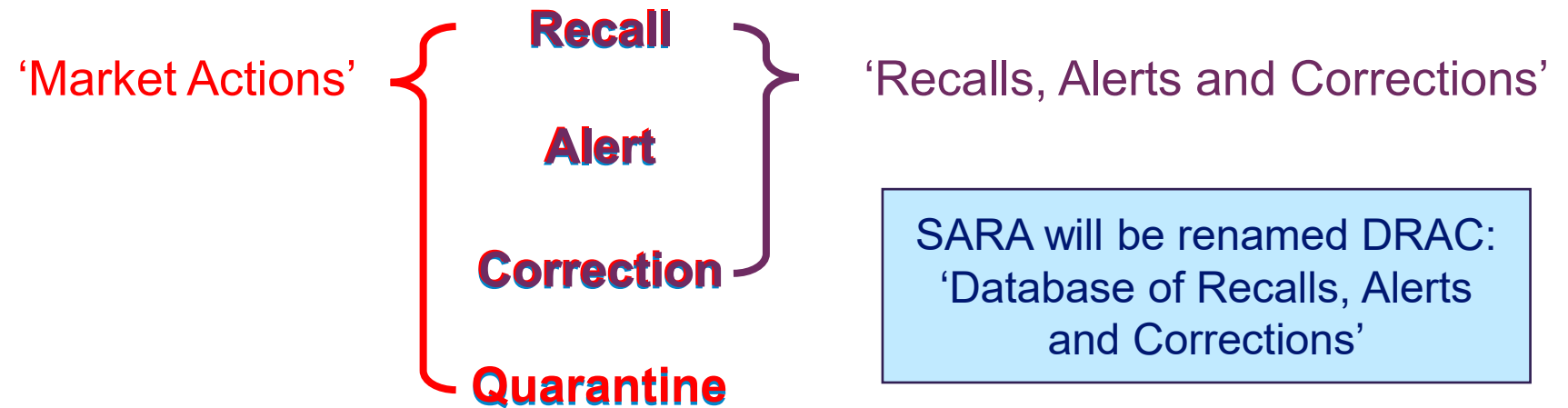


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2023

- Discussion Paper outcomes – Process changes
 - streamlined and flexible reporting
 - expansion of ‘Early Advice’ network
 - amended URPTG published
- Current work
 - recall action nomenclature improvements
 - updates to TGA databases in TBS
 - reviewing legislation – still fit for purpose?

Recall Reforms Program – new nomenclature



...all pending implementation of critical IT changes

Recall Reforms Program – legislation review



- **Timely** Recalls, Alerts and Corrections for defective therapeutic goods relies upon cooperation with industry.
- New supply landscape ... e.g. medicinal cannabis
- How do we best use our existing legislation? Is it still fit for purpose?
 - mandating Market Actions other than recalls?
 - ensuring action completion in a timely manner?

HPRG Digital Transformation



- New portal and case management system
- Better user experience
- Improved business intelligence
- Robust digital platforms

Manufacturing information

- fundamental data in multiple business systems
- discovery phase

What's around the corner?

Looking towards 2024/25

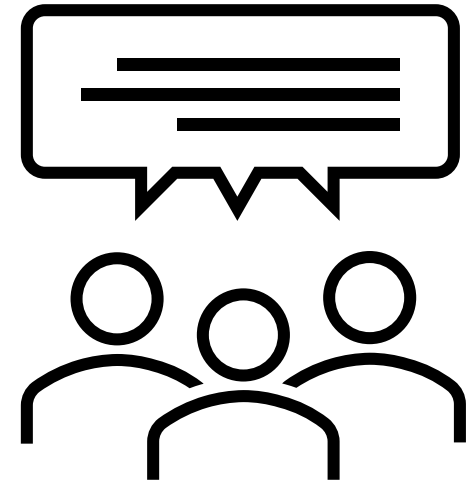


Adoption of next revision of PIC/S Guide

- PIC/S Guide to GMP - Version 16 was adopted on 3 June 2024.
 - minor clarification for Annex 13 - Investigational Medicinal Products
 - new Annex 16 – Authorised Person and release for supply.
 - 3 month transition, ends 3 September 2024

But the fun doesn't stop ...

- PIC/S Guide to GMP - **Version 17** planned to be adopted in early 2025.
 - revision of Annex 1 - Sterile Medicines.



International collaborations

Good Manufacturing is a global industry – partnerships are critical

- Access
- PIC/S
- Single Inspection Pilot
- Maintenance activities on our Reliance Framework

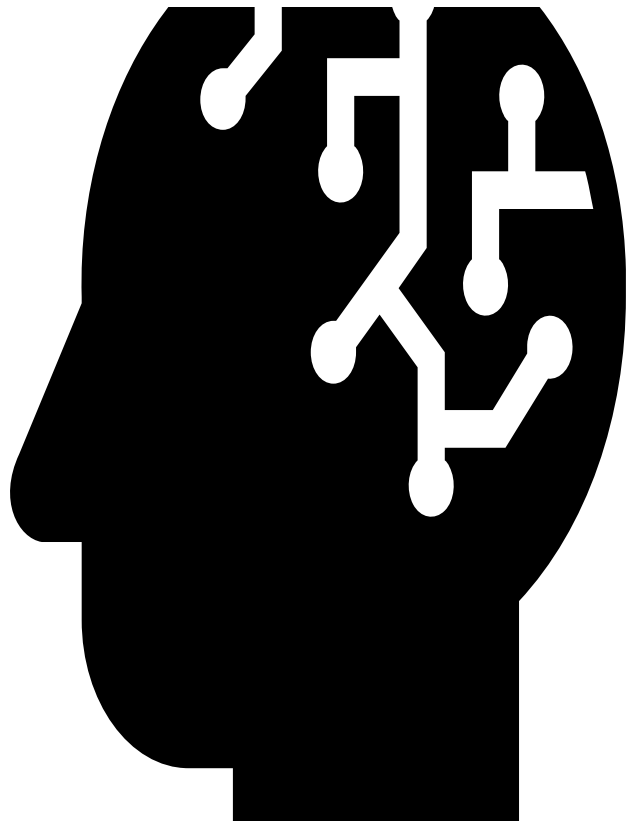


New and emerging treatments

- Boundary products
- Combination products
- Manufacturing at the bedside
- ATMPs
- Maggots! leeches!



Artificial Intelligence



Major innovation: advancing science and technology

Major role in improving health care, costs and health outcomes

GMP Clearance

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A quick recap

Assessment Timeframes (1)

AT - Financial Year Graph <21...

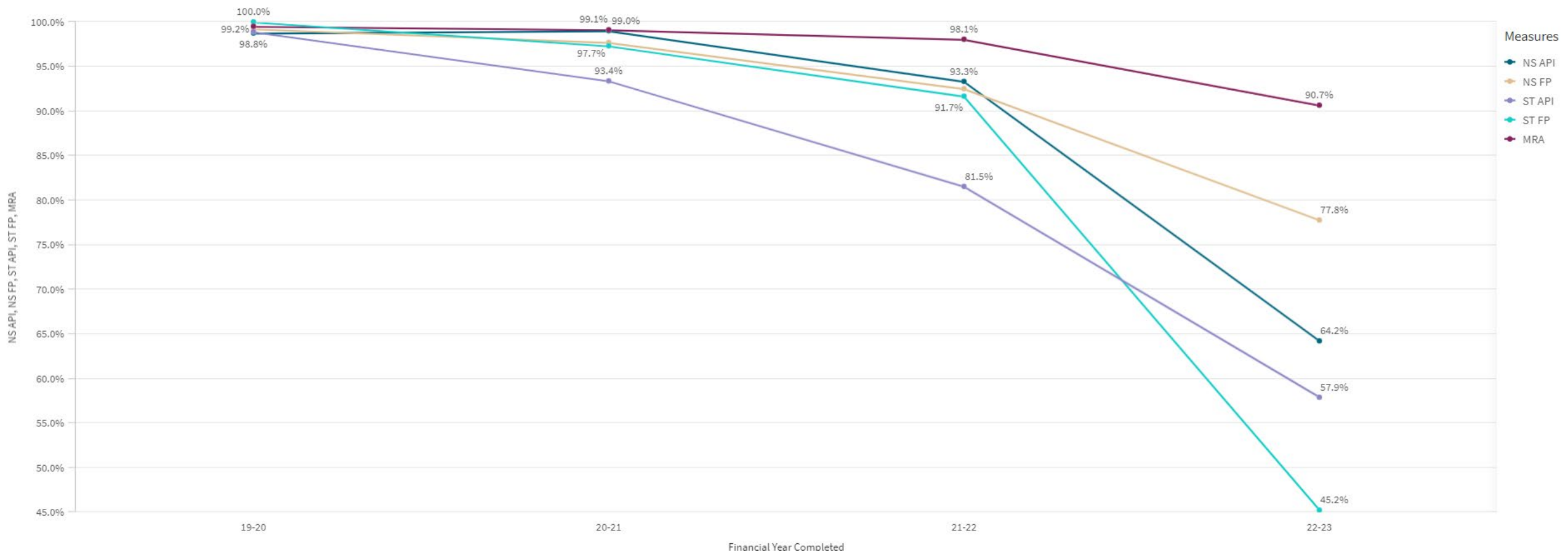
AT - 90% Mth

AT - AVG days

AT - All CL Entries in MIS Lod...

AT - FY New Timeframes >=2...

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What changed?



- No on-site inspections
- Reduction in 'reliance' aspect of the GMP Clearance framework
- Increased complexity of evaluations
- Flow-on effect of decisions made during early stages of the pandemic
- Prioritisation of Vaccines, treatments and medicine shortages

But the pandemic is over so.....



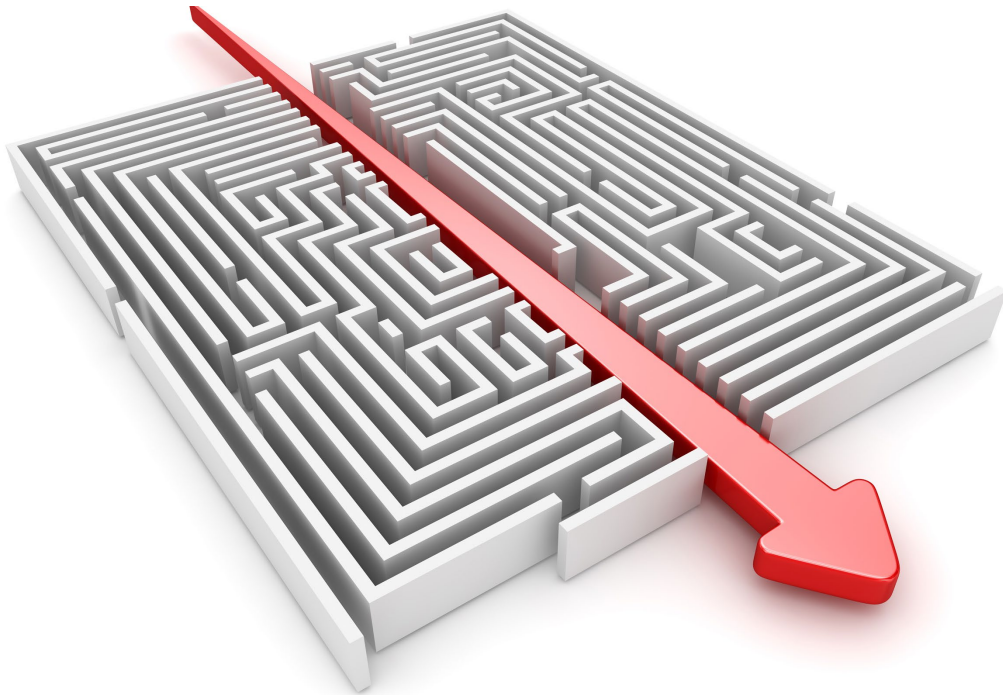
- ‘Pandemic’ Is not over for GMP
- Long term effect on processes, evaluation complexity and timeframes
- Return to a new ‘normal’ will take several years
- Medicine shortages continue to be a priority

Where we are now



- Backlogs in all Compliance Verification (CV) streams
- Significant increase in processing times
- Applications continue to be of poor quality
- Competing priorities:
 - New listings
 - Non-prescription medicine
 - COR-A, COR-B, Priority and provisional pathways
 - Project Orbis
 - International submissions (Access consortium)

The plan



- Increase Resources
- Streamline onboarding and training
- Same strategic approach as 2016 backlog
- Continue to deliver long-term strategic goals
- Digital transformation

GMP Clearance reforms



- Process has not changed since 2011
- GMP and regulatory framework has evolved
- A review of every aspect of the GMP Clearance framework
- Collaboration with industry via a GMP Clearance Working Group



GMP FORUM 2024

WHEN:

19-20 November 2024

WHERE:

Melbourne Convention
and Exhibition Centre
(MCEC)

COST:

\$690 per person

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