

Diapharm to conduct bundled GMP audits for DSM

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Nutritional Products and DSM Pharmaceutical Chemicals have mandated Diapharm GmbH to carry out bundled audits on the production of numerous vitamins, medical pharmaceuticals and fatty acids in compliance with the European Guide to Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). The arrangement will allow the company to more efficiently structure the regularly required GMP audits. In the coming weeks, pharmaceutical service provider Diapharm will organise monitoring of the manufacturing processes of DSM production sites in Grenzach (Germany) and Dalry (UK). The auditing process began at DSM Pharmaceutical Chemicals in Linz (Austria) on September 4th and 5th, 2012.

Bundling audits allows greater inspection depth

Pharmaceutical companies are obliged to regularly audit the GMP of their suppliers. Often, auditors travel round the globe to audit just one active substance: "Our goal is to bundle GMP audits and thereby increase inspection depth", said Stephan Heck, Director of DSM Nutritional Products AG. "With Diapharm we've found a partner that not only fulfils the legal requirements but goes beyond these to also fulfil our Swiss quality expectations". In 2011 Diapharm audited production of numerous vitamins and carotenes at DSM locations in Sisseln (Switzerland) and Village-Neuf (France).

DSM customers can obtain monitoring reports from Diapharm

This year, inspection of production for the pharmaceutical industry of vitamins B1, B2, B5, B6, C, D3, active pharmaceutical ingredients and of polyunsaturated fats, among others, will be done at Grenzach, Dalry and Linz. Now, instead of conducting their own audits, DSM customers can obtain the officially approved monitoring reports from Diapharm. The pharmaceutical service provider bundles the individual monitoring requirements of pharmaceutical companies and co-ordinates the respective GMP audits. The on-site audits are carried out by the independent, officially accredited inspection agency, blue inspection body GmbH.

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Background information: DSM

Royal DSM is a global science-based company active in health, nutrition and materials. By connecting its unique competences in Life Sciences and Materials Sciences DSM is driving economic prosperity, environmental progress and social advances to create sustainable value for all stakeholders. DSM delivers innovative solutions that nourish, protect and improve performance in global markets such as food and dietary supplements, personal care, feed, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, automotive, paints, electrical and electronics, life protection, alternative energy and bio-based materials. DSM's 22,000 employees deliver annual net sales of around €9 billion. The company is listed on NYSE Euronext. More information can be found at www.dsm.com.

Background information: Diapharm

Diapharm is an international, full-service provider for the healthcare industry. Founded in 1988, Diapharm supports pharmaceutical companies in all questions concerning regulatory affairs, medical and clinical development, quality and business development. Diapharm focuses on the areas of medications, nutritional supplements, dietetic foods, medical devices and cosmetics. With its approximately 100 employees located in Germany, Austria, Romania and the United Kingdom, Diapharm is equally successfully active on behalf of multinational corporations, young start-ups and medium-sized companies. More information can be found at www.diapharm.com.
