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# Preparing for the World of E-labeling

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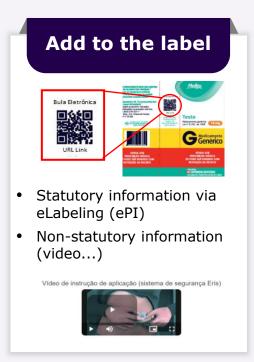


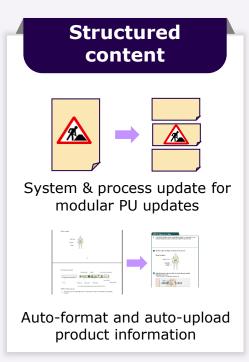
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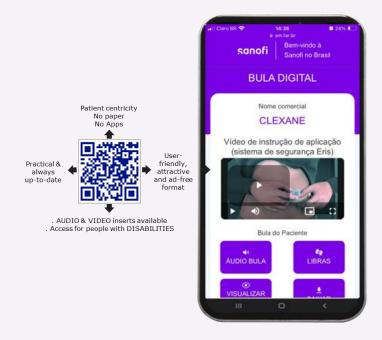
#### The ePI is an electronic version of the approved product information:

- Intended for the healthcare provider or the patient
- adapted for handling in electronic format and dissemination via the web, e-platforms and in print
- It can be accessed by scanning, a two-dimensional barcode (QR Code or DM Code) on the packaging.
- The ePI also allows access to additional information, such as videos, audios, and other instructions that help in the proper use of the medication.











# Why ePI?

Paper leaflets, are difficult to read, potentially out of date and not accessible to all.

ePI is fully responsive and compliant with web content accessibility guidelines.

# Global approach -

(By product or by Region)



- Need to understand and respect local regulations
- Leverage Learnings between Markets





# Leveraging an ePI Digital Platform

... to support large panel of specific action for product/country combinations...



#### **Highly Flexible Core Model**



ePi hosted Patient Information Website (localized, GxP-validated)



existing local Brand Website (e.g., on Campus)



local authority-hosted patient information website



product companion app (when installed)



ePI Resolver/ Cloud Backend

PDF document (e.g., IFU stored in ePi system or external host)





#### e-Product Information **existing Website**



Dissemination of approved product information in a digital format via a common structured format using global standards







# Scan Me



**X**enpozyme<sup>®</sup> **20 mg** 

Pulver für ein Konzentrat zur Herstellung

Jede Durchstechflasche enthält 20 mg Olipudase alfa.

Siehe Packungsbeilage für weitere Informationen.

einer Infusionslösung Olipudase alfa

Sonstige Bestandteile: Methionin

Dinatriumhydrogenphosphat 7 H<sub>2</sub>O Natriumdihydrogenphosphat 1 H<sub>2</sub>O

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# Introduction of ePI in structured format

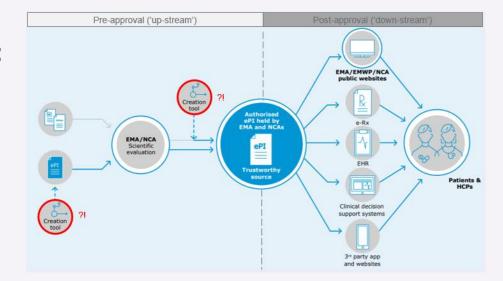
#### **❖ Definition** of ePI in Structured format:

Health Authority approved product information (i.e. USPI, PPI, SmPC, PIL or local leaflet and labeling) in semi-structured format using a common electronic standard

#### Process:

Implementation in stepwise approach (goal: submission of ePI in structured format)

EU Example:





Key principles on ePI published in January 2020 (https://www.em a.europa.eu/en/el ectronic-product-information-human-medicines-european-union-key-principles)



# 2 Benefits of ePI

Key Benefits of ePI



# Add to the label – Patient benefits



#### Improved accessibility

- Text to speech
- Zoom in
- · Dynamic Personalized info
- Mutli-lingual



### Direct channel to customer

- Better education = higher adherence
- Potential to link to future eSystems



Trusted source of up-todate product information



Minimize risk related to recalls, alerts



# Structured content



Readiness for future regulatory evolution



Faster sharing of new information /compliance



Interoperability between systems & stakeholders



#### Skip Paper Leaflet



**CO2** reduction



**Cost reduction** 

Paper cost savings



Reducing Lead time to launch new products



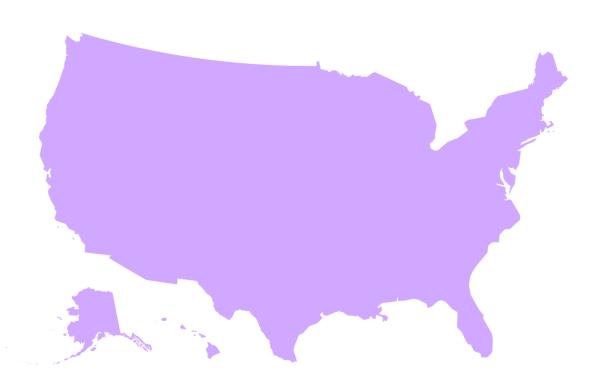
Reducing risk of product destruction due to recalls or product information major updates



# 3 Current Status of ePI in Major Markets

# **ePI** developments in the United States







#### **Characteristics**

- FDA requires electronically delivery of product information
- ePI Platform <a href="https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed">https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed</a>
- Ability to introduce QR codes
- There are hurdles in Congress in moving the ePI with paper leaflet removal initiative forward
- FDA appears to support use of e-labeling with the removal of paper leaflet based on the previously proposed rule\*

# **ePI** developments in Americas







# Canada

#### Characteristics

- Printed Paper Leaflet not technically required per regulations but Health Canada still requires it
- All Products
- Ability for Introduction of QR code
- ePI Platform Third Party

First e-labelling projects focus on products that are sold in bulk/repacked at pharmacy level or drugs administered by HCPs.

# Brazil

#### **Characteristics**

- · Inclusion of QR Code
- Pilot for Removal of Paper Leaflet
- Healthcare Facilities (Hospital Products, Clinics)
- ePI Platform Third Party

New Legislation was endorsed in 2024 allowing pilots for removal of paper leaflet for all free samples and medicines intended exclusively for use in hospitals, clinics, outpatient clinics and home care services.



# Revision of EU Pharma Legislation





### **Current legal framework:**

The paper version of the PIL still needs to be in the package unless exemption is given for a specific product for a specific time.

Review of the Pharmaceutical Legislation as opportunity to get paper package leaflets replaced by electronic versions

 European Commission published its proposals on ePI on 26 April 2023 followed by negotiations with European Parliament and Council/27 Member States



# ePI developments in Europe



# Ongoing Pilots

Belgium, Luxembourg - since 2018 Iceland - since 2021 Spain, Baltics - since 2022 Netherlands - since 2024

France - since 2024

#### **Characteristics**

- Removal of Paper Leaflet
- Hospital Products
- · No QR code added

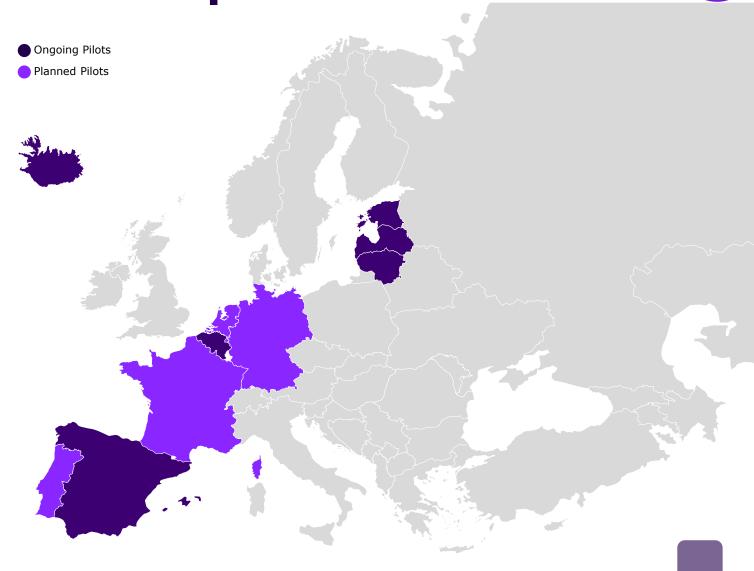
Regulation is shifting as countries decide to experiment paper removal associated to an e-distribution of product information.

#### Planned Pilots

#### Portugal, Germany

#### **Characteristics**

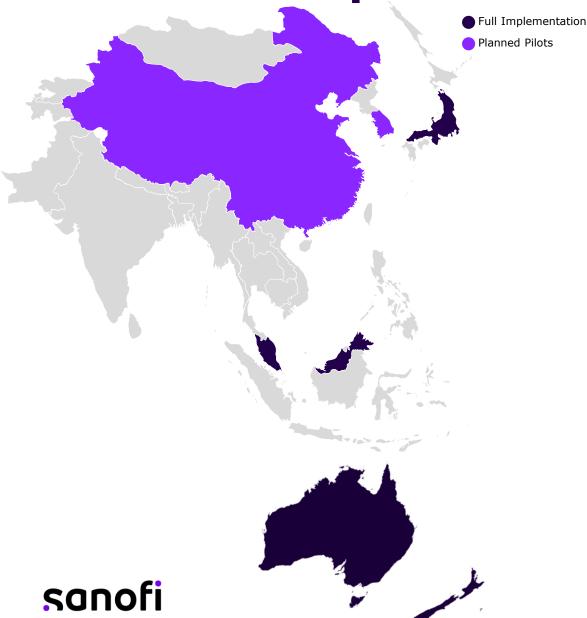
- Removal of Paper Leaflet
- Hospital Products No QR code added
- Retail Pharmacy (France, as a Phase 2)





# **ePI** developments in Asia-Pacific





# Fully Implemented

Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia

#### **Characteristics**

- No paper leaflet
- All Products
- ePI Platform:
  - Health Authority website Japan
  - Sanofi website Singapore
  - Third Party Australia

Legislation is implemented and allows e-distribution of information as an alternative to printed leaflet.

#### Planned Pilots

South Korea - to start in 2025

#### **Characteristics**

- Removal of Paper Leaflet
- Vaccines, Injectables
- Addition of QR Code
- ePI Platform: Sanofi

China – to start in 2025

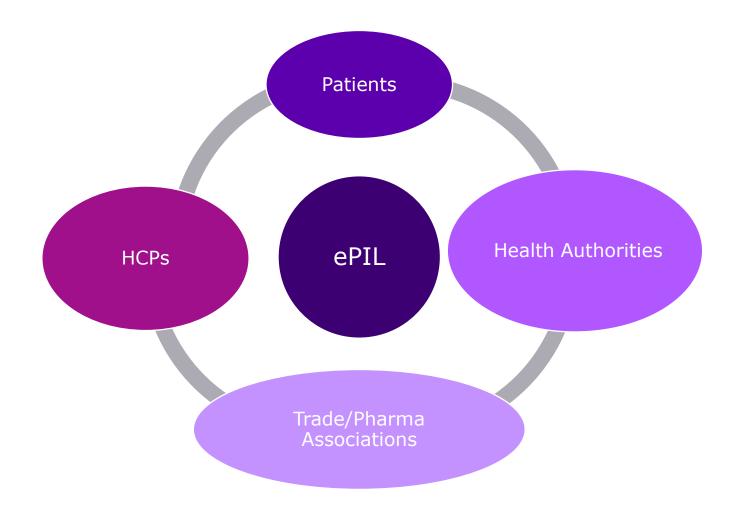
#### **Characteristics**

- Simplification of Paper Leaflet
- Addition of QR code
- ePI Platform: Third Party

# 4 Moving ePI Forward

# External Stakeholder engagement

Need for strong stakeholder engagement at EU/US level and nationally to drive paperless ePI implementation





# External Stakeholder engagement

Patients

Stress benefits:

Most up-to-date user-friendly format providing tailored information

Address asks:

Accessibility to ePIL leaving no one behind

HCPs (pharmacists/ physicians) Stress role:

Important role leveraging digitalisation in healthcare system

Address asks:

Providing print-out on request, funding

Authorities/ Trade Associations Partnering/collaboration to pave the way for ePI implementation including initiation of ePIL pilots (for hospitals sector and beyond)



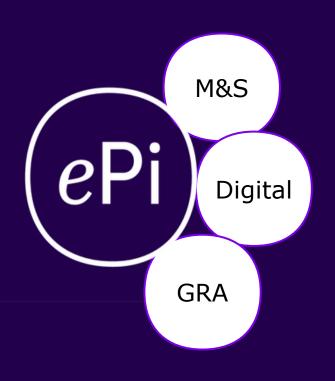




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# Internal Stakeholder Engagement

# Moving ePI Forward



Foundation Building Understanding Regulatory Landscape

Evaluate opportunities in portfolio

Intentional
Approach to
Pilots

Structure Communication

Regulations Opportunities Volume Cost savings Outreach
HA interactions

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