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CURRENT REGULATORY APPROVAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES ON BIOSIMILARS IN TURKEY

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Legal Basis

Pharmaceutical And Medical Preparations Law

(Law No : 1262 (Publication Date 26th May, 1928 Issue No. 898))

«the competent authority for registering human medicinal products in Turkey, is Ministry of Health»

«any medicinal product can not be placed on the market, unless a marketing authorization has been issued by Ministry of Health of Turkey»

Decree No. 663 of 2011

«Ministry of Health uses this authority with Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency (TMMDA/TİTCK), which is affiliated to Ministry of Health.»



Regulation on the Registration of Medicinal Products for Human Use

(January 19, 2005 / Issue No.25705)

These regulations are in parallel to the directive of European Commission with issue number 2001/83.

Guidance Document on Biosimilar Products

(07.08.2008/5285)



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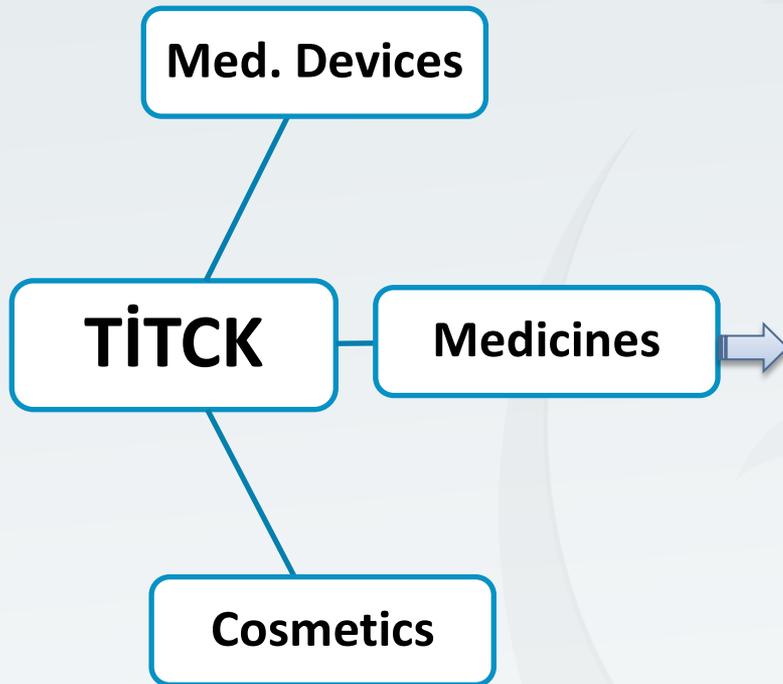
Mission:

To serve human health by developing and implementing regulatory, supervisory, and guidance policies in regard to pharmaceuticals, medical devices and cosmetic products.

Vision:

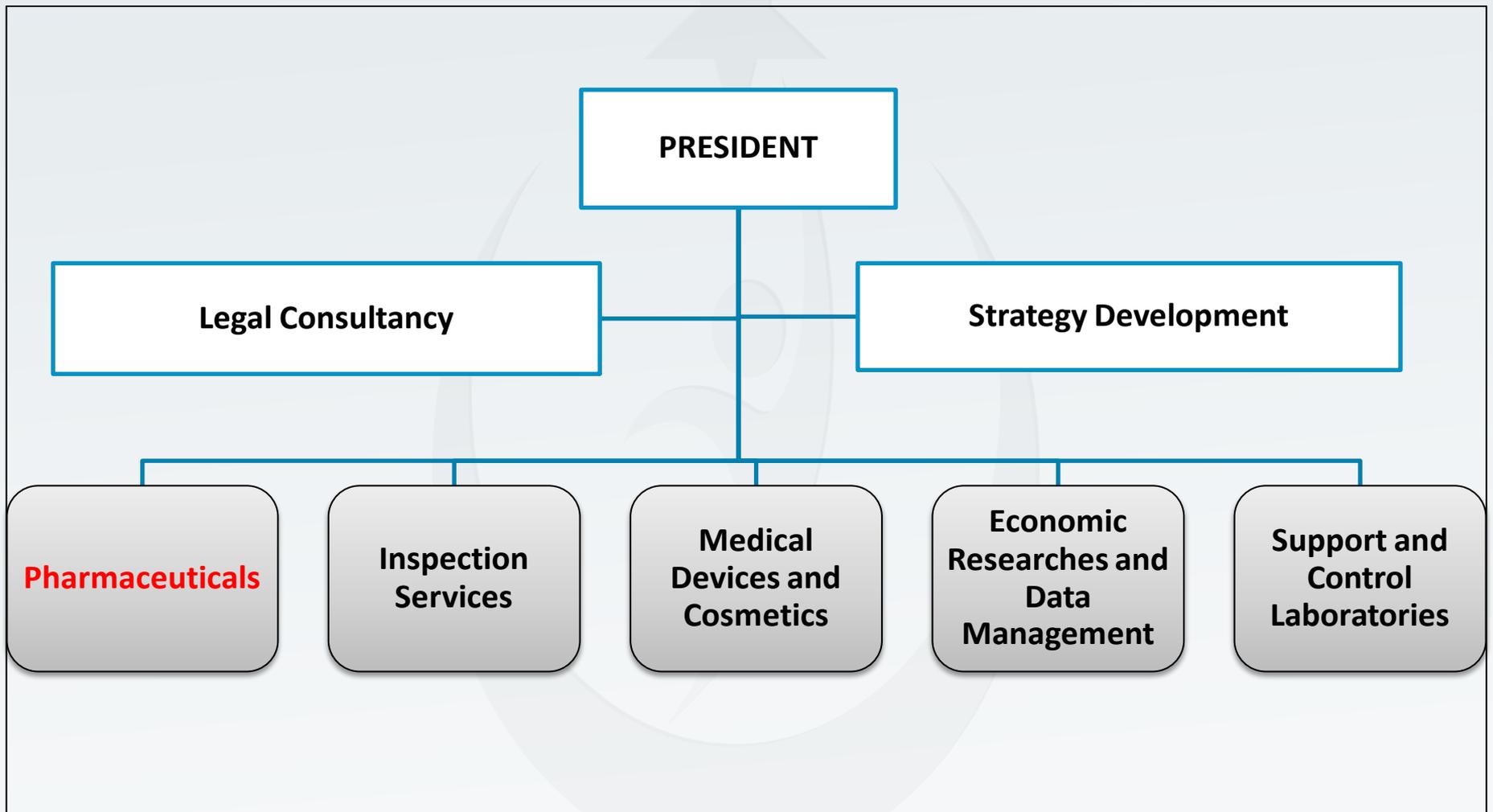
Being a pioneer and a reference institution in the international arena aiming for excellence, on the basis of health and science.

Tasks



- **Pharmaceutical product licensing**
- *Monitoring all phases of the supply chain*
- *Monitoring availability of pharmaceutical products in the market*
- *Providing patient access to medicines especially for life-saving conditions*
- *Preparing of Turkish Pharmacopeia*
- *Regulating and monitoring clinical studies*
- *Pharmacovigilance activities*
- *Pricing*

Organisation Chart





**PHARMACEUTICALS VICE
PRESIDENT**

**MEDICINAL PRODUCT
REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

- PRE-ASSESSMENT UNIT
- CLINICAL ASSESSMENT UNIT
- PRE-REGISTRATION TECHNOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT UNIT
- BA/BE ASSESSMENT UNIT
- PHARMACOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT UNIT
- BIOLOGICAL AND BIOTECHNOLOGICAL
PRODUCTS UNIT**
- ADMISINISTRATIVE REGISTRATION UNIT
- AUTHORISED PRODUCTS TECHNOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT
UNIT
- AUTHORISED PRODUCTS UNIT
- COORDINATION UNIT
- e-DATA UPDATING UNIT

Biosimilars

A Biosimilar product is a medicinal product which demonstrates similarity to a designated or retained reference biological product in terms of quality, safety and efficacy.

- The active substance of a biosimilar product is similar to a biological reference drug. (generally, same strength, indication, pharmaceutical form and route of administration)
- At first view, the trade name, appearance and labeling/packaging features can be considered as the only difference between a biosimilar drug and a biological product, but there are other allowable differences because the origin of these products is living organisms.

Biological Reference Product is a product which is registered with complete dossier including administrative, quality, pre-clinical and clinical data.

- Applicant must submit an “abridged” application which must demonstrate that there are no significant differences between the biosimilar product and a reference product in terms of quality, safety and efficacy .
- The standard generic approach is not appropriate in biosimilar products.

Biosimilars vs. Generics and New Products

	Classic Bioequivalent Products	Biosimilar Products	New Products (Full File)
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comparison of Complete and Independent Product File Information with reference product 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comprehensive comparison of Complete and Independent Product File Information with reference product 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete and Independent Product File Information
Pre-clinical	<p>.....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Abridged program, ✓ Subchronic toxicity studies according to complexity of molecule (4 weeks), ✓ Local tolerance, ✓ PK/PD studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pre-Clinical Complete Studies
Clinical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bioequivalence studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Phase I; PK/PD studies ✓ No need for Phase II study ✓ Phase III study for each indication (If necessary) ✓ Risk Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Phase I ✓ Phase II ✓ Phase III study in all indications ✓ Risk Management Plan

Registration Process

GMP Inspections

Application for Inspection

GMP Inspection

Issue of GMP Certificate

Registration Procedure

Pre-assessment

Clinical Assessment

Technological Assessment

BA/BE Assessment

Pharmacological Assessment

Laboratory Analysis

Administrative Assessment

Issue of Registration License

Price Approval

Sales Permission



Timetable

Registration Procedure

Pre-assessment

Clinical Assessment

Technological Assessment

BA/BE Assessment

Pharmacological Assessment

Laboratory Analysis

Administrative Assessment

Issue of Registration License

Price Approval

Sales Permission

30 days

210 days





But;

If the product

- is first in treatment and diagnosis
- reduce the public expenditures
- is immediately required for public healthcare

The process shall be completed in 180 days.

If the product is a part of co-marketing, the process shall be completed in 90 days.

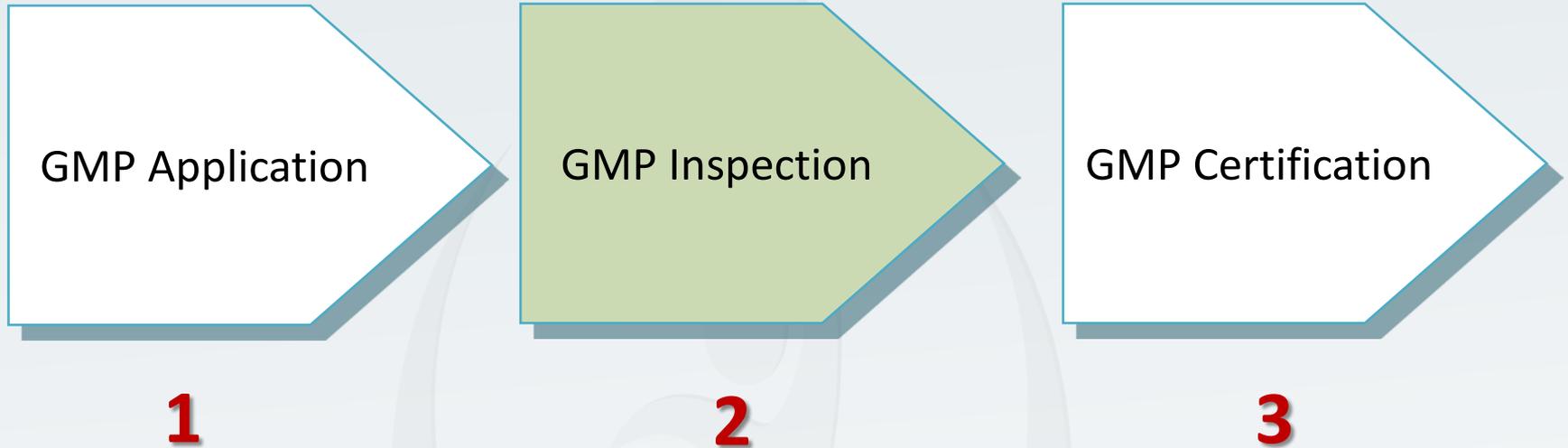
GMP Inspections

Finished product and API manufacturing site must have a valid **GMP certificate issued by the Agency.**

- ✓ The applicant have to make an application to the Agency for GMP inspection and submit the relevant data in a dossier.



GMP Inspection Process



□ Guidance on The Good Manufacturing Practices For Pharmaceutical Products

« If the manufacturing facility of active substance and the finished product are different from each other, both of them must be inspected by the Agency. »

GMP Inspection Process



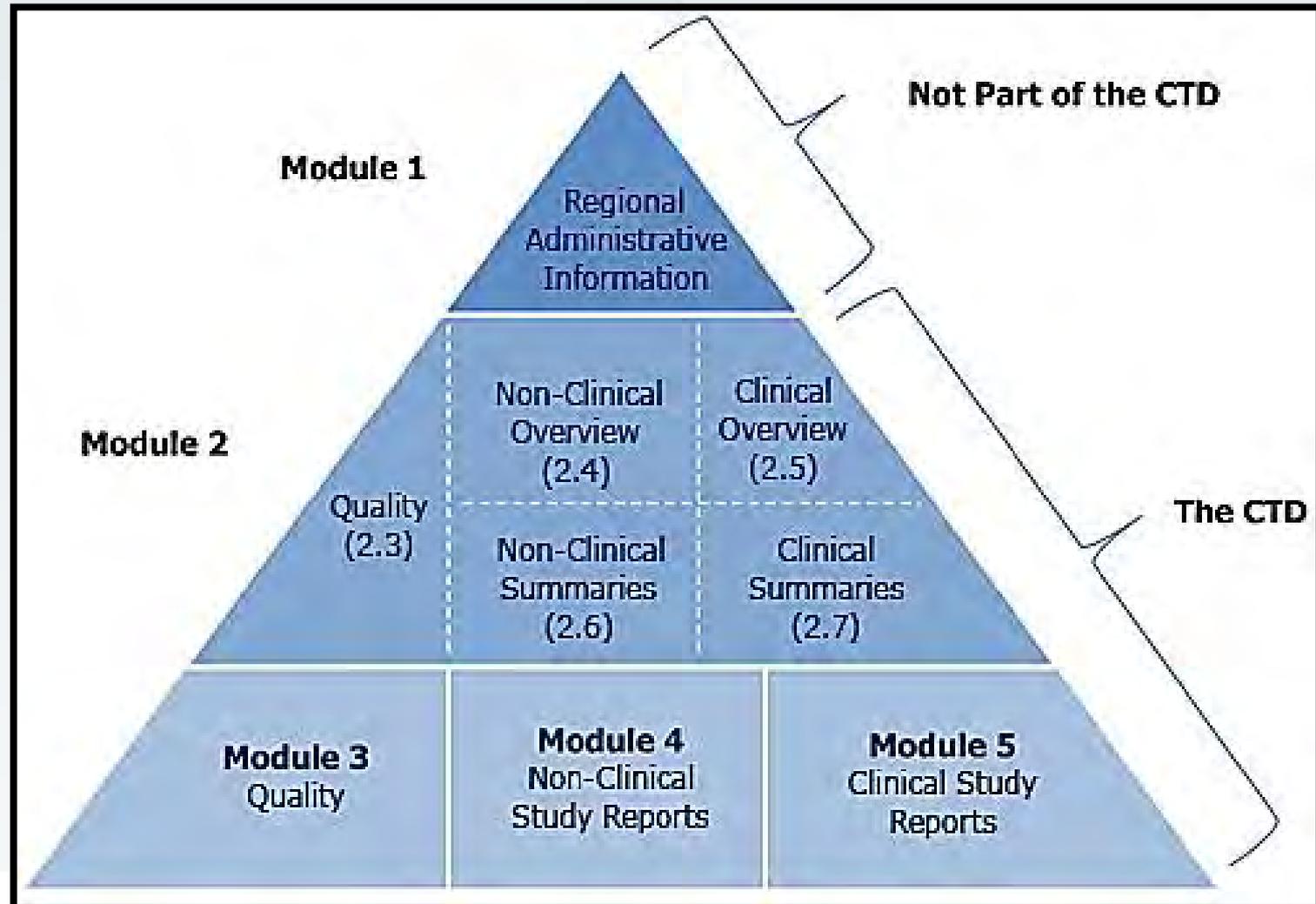
- For registration of biological and biotechnological products having a GMP Certificate is an obligation.



Pre-Assessment

- Pre-assessment contains formal control of documents.
- The application dossier shall be prepared accordingly Common Technical Documents (CTD) format which is determined by International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) and is an international standard.

Pre- Assessment



Scientific Assessment

- Scientific assessment contains the assessment of application by committees which consist of academicians, clinicians and senior agency personnel.
- Committees assess the application, in terms of efficacy, quality and safety.



Scientific Assessment

Committees

- Clinical Assessment Committee:
(Mostly clinicians)
- Technological Assessment Committee
- BA/BE Assessment Committee
- Biological Products Committee
- Biotechnological Products Committee
- Pharmacological Assessment
Committee

Administrative Assessment

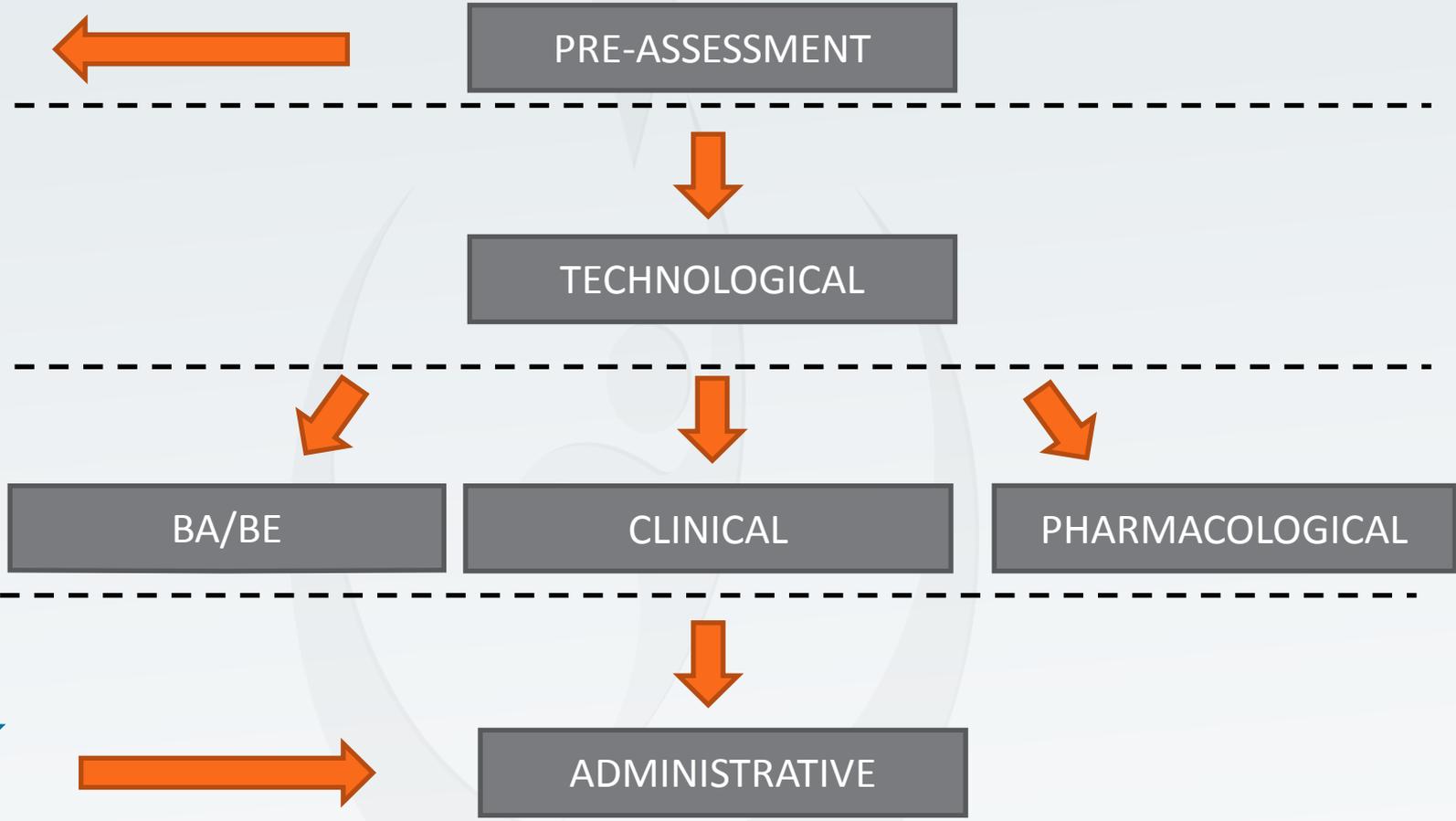
- Administrative assessment contains a final assessment about SPC/PIL, labeling/packaging and last checking of documents and Committee decisions.
- Quality and Administrative Assessment is considering in Biological and Biotechnological Products Unit together.





APPLICATION OF BIOSIMILAR PRODUCTS

SAMPLE ANALYSIS



Numbers

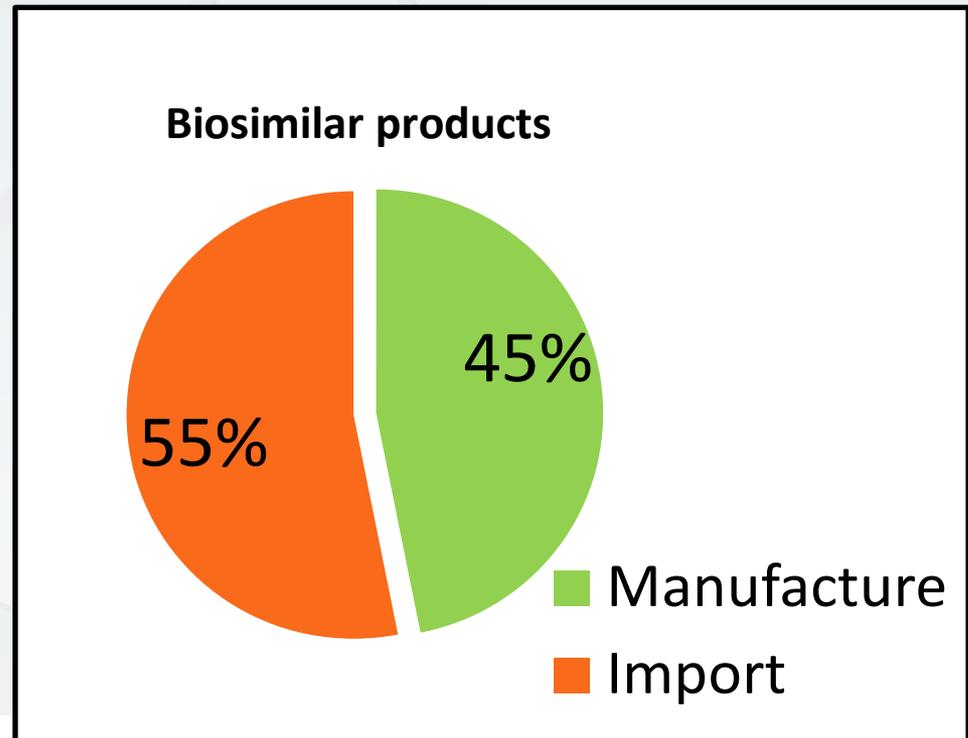
Registered Biosimilar Products

Turkey currently has **262** registered biotechnological products with their different strengths. **29** of them are biosimiliars.

29 Biosimilar

16 Imported

13 Manufactured in **Turkey**



Registered Biosimilar Products

Name of Product	Active Ingredient	Manufactured in	Registration Year
Tevagrastim (2)*	Filgrastim	Mexico	2015
Remsima	Infliximab	Turkey	2015
Dropoetin (3)*	Epoetin alfa	Turkey	2013
Enox (5)*	Enoxaparin sodium	Turkey	2013
Epoplus (2)*	Epoetin alfa	Cuba	2013-2015**
Leukoplus	Filgrastim	Cuba	2014
Oksapar (6)*	Enoxaparin sodium	Turkey	2012-2013**
Omnitrope (2)*	Somatropin	Austria	2011
Eporon (3)*	Epoetin alfa	South Korea	2011
Epobel (5)*	Epoetin zeta	Germany	2009
Leucostim (2)*	Filgrastim	South Korea	2009

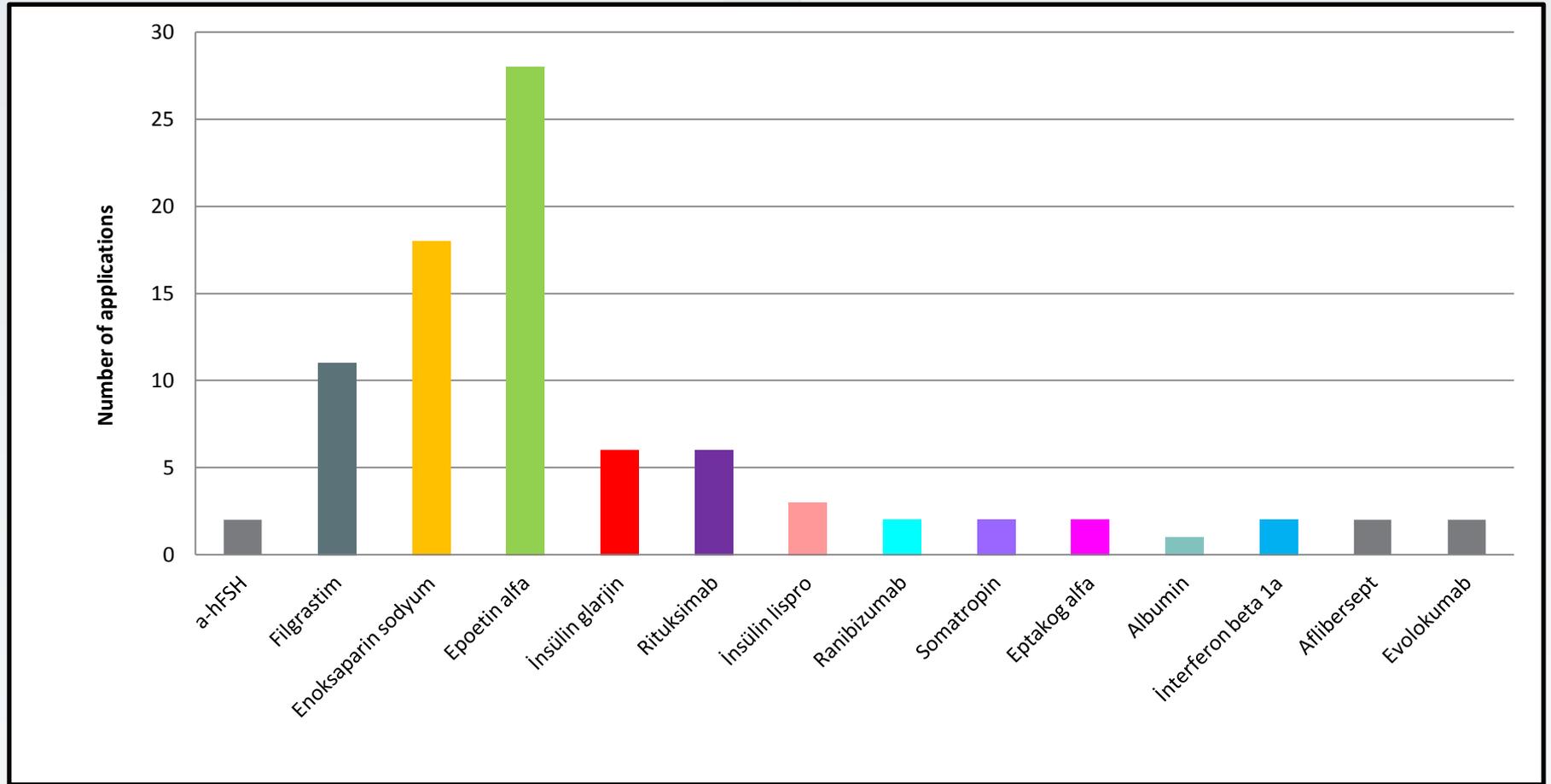
* The number next to product shows different strenghts of product

** The 1.dosage of Epoplus was licensed in 2013, while 2. dosage was licensed in 2015

** 4 dosage of Oksapar were licensed in 2012 while 2 dosages were licensed in 2013



Biosimilar products applications which are in registration process

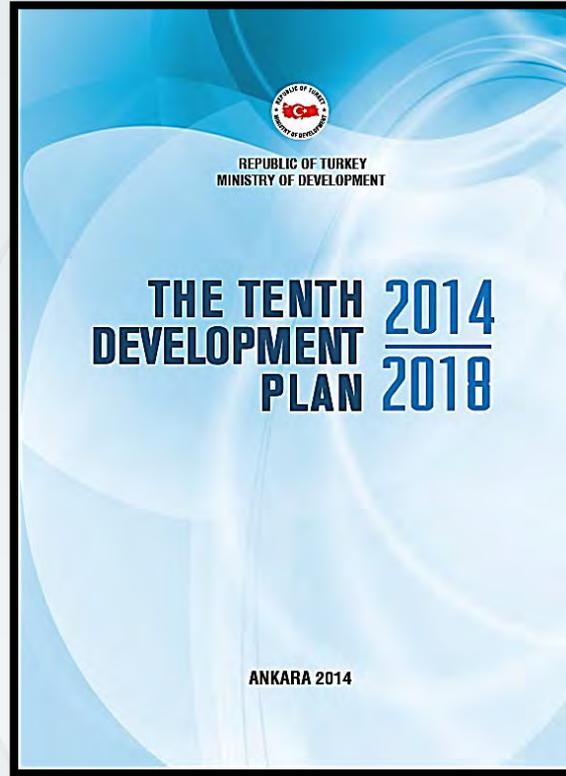


For 87 different Biosimilar products license applications have been made and are being evaluated.

Superior Policy Documents

1. 10th Development Plan
 - Healthcare Related Industries Structural Transformation Program
2. Turkey Biotechnology Strategy And Action Plan (2015-2018)
3. Turkey Medicine Sector Strategy Certificate And Action Plan (2015-2018)
4. National Biotechnology R-d And Innovation Strategy Certificate And Action Plan(2015-2019) - Draft

10th Development Plan



In the **10th Development Plan - Healthcare Related Industries Structural Transformation Program** approved by **Higher Projection Council** on 16 February 2015. There are 4 components and the program covers all of them.

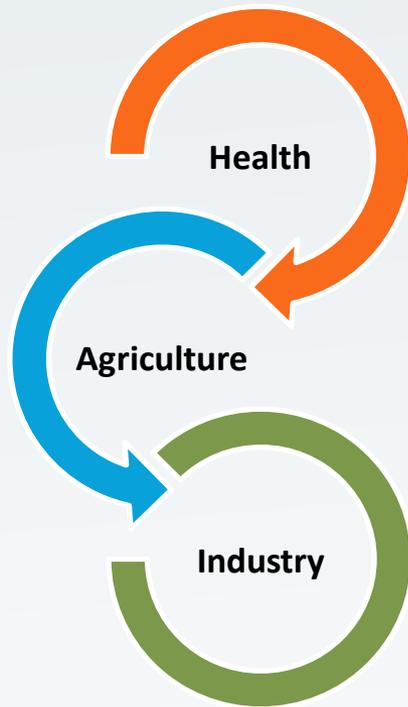
Healthcare Related Industries Structural Transformation Program

Components of the Program / Component Liabilities

1. Strengthening of the Public Guidance Capacity / *Ministry of Health*
2. Improving R-D and Innovation Area / *Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology*
3. Improving Work and Enterprise Ecosystem / *Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology*
4. Supporting Production and Exports / *Ministry of Economy*

Turkey Biotechnology Strategy And Action Plan (2015-2018)

Main Biotechnology Implementation areas



Aim:

Increasing the technological knowledge and the value-added production and becoming one of the world's leading countries in the Biotechnology area.

Making our country, a center in the Biotechnology area, that can produce technology, that is innovative, with high value-added and **is able to manufacture products within the norms of global competition.**

Turkey Medicine Sector Strategy Certificate And Action Plan (2015-2018)

Aim:

Taking into account Turkey's targets in its industrial perspective, the action plan is prepared in order to support the government's public health and development targets, to form a sustainable and effective structure for the medicinal sector of our country.

Medicinal Sector Strategy and Action Plan consists of five main sections:

- Current status of the medicinal sector
- A status analysis made together by the partners that took role in preparing the strategy
- Medicinal sector perspective, main aim and targets decided by all the partners
- Implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- Action plan



National Biotechnology R-d And Innovation Strategy Certificate And Action Plan(2015-2019)

National Biotechnology R-d And Innovation Strategy Certificate And Action Plan(2015-2019) draft has been published by the Turkish Republic, Science, Industry and Technology Ministry and studies are continuing.





What is our goal as TITCK ?

The most commonly used biological - biotechnological products are diabetes (insulins) products, which are placed on the top, antineoplastic, immunosuppressants and immunostimulatory products follow them respectively.

According to the current datas; biotechnological products constitutes approximately 20% of the world medicine market and it is estimated the percentage will continue to increase in the near future.

The Turkey Medicinal Product Market is the 17th biggest market in the World and in the frame of all the strategy and action plans our target as a regulatory authority to carry Turkey one step further in the market by revising our legislations, approval standards and practice according to international and scientific standards in line with EU Harmonization Process.





***Thank you
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