

LETTER OF ANNOUNCEMENT – IRISH MEDICINES VERIFICATION SYSTEM GOES LIVE

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Dear FMD Stakeholders

We are delighted to announce that the Irish Medicines Verification System (IMVS) is now connected to the EU Hub production environment.

It has taken over two years of intensive effort by all the stakeholders in the Irish medicines supply chain, working together through IMVO, to bring us to this significant milestone. IMVO has collaborated with other NMVOs using the Solidsoft Reply blueprint system to carry out joint testing of the system (led by ZAPAZ) and we are privileged to have been part of such a fantastic team effort. We also want to acknowledge the support of the EMVO team during the NMVO onboarding process and all the work done by Solidsoft Reply to help us to get to this stage.

IMVO will now start a **pilot** to gain real world experience of the system and to assess how our processes (onboarding, alert management etc.) operate in practice. The pilot is due to run until the end of the June with a select group of pharmacies, hospitals, wholesalers, manufacturers and IT software providers. They will use the pilot to test their own procedures and implementation models.

The **manufacturers** taking part in the pilot are working with us to ensure that serialised packs are available in pilot locations. IMVO and some of the other Solidsoft NMVOs are collaborating with one of the pilot manufacturers to facilitate specific testing that they wish to carry out. We are keen to have more manufacturers involved in the pilot to increase the range of packs available for scanning and if you are interested in joining us or carrying out any specific type of testing, email us at info@imvo.ie.

Pharmacists, wholesalers and hospitals taking part in the pilot will now start scanning serialised packs and to avoid a lot of unnecessary alerts due to missing pack data, we would ask you to **start uploading data to the IMVS** for serialised packs that have been released for the Irish market. If you have multi-market packs used in Ireland, UK and/or Malta, please upload the data for Ireland now and then do a retrospective upload in the UK and Maltese repositories when they go live.

Finally, thank you to the many MAHs who have already completed IMVO's **MAH onboarding procedure**. If you have not yet registered, details of how to do this are available at <http://www.imvo.ie/stakeholders1/manufacturersma-holders>. The deadline for registration is not until 2019 but an early bird discount of 25% applies to the MAH registration fee if paid during 2018.

For **further information** about IMVO, please visit our website www.imvo.ie or get in touch with us by email (info@imvo.ie) at any time.

Kind regards



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