

## ABPI Response to the Public Consultation On Legislative Proposals:

## Strategy To Better Protect Public Health By Strengthening And Rationalising EU Pharmacovigilance

The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) is the trade association for more than 75 companies in the UK producing prescription medicines. Its member companies research, develop, manufacture and supply more than 80 per cent of the medicines prescribed through the National Health Service (NHS). The ABPI also represents companies engaged in the research and/or development of medicines for human use. In addition, its general affiliate membership is for all other organisations with an interest in the pharmaceutical industry.

The ABPI welcomes the opportunity to comment on the European Commission's legislative proposals to strengthen and rationalise the EU system of pharmacovigilance.

The ABPI is in full support of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations' (EFPIA) response to this consultation and our member companies have contributed comments via EFPIA.

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