

EUROPEAN COMMISSION ENTERPRISE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Industrial affairs: Consumer goods industries **Pharmaceuticals and cosmetics**

PHARM 293

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Subject: Indication of accreditation logos at the packaging of medicinal products;

Background:

According to Article 2 (2) and Article 7 (3) of Directive 92/27/EEC, the outer packaging and the package leaflet "may include symbols or pictograms designed to clarify certain information mentioned in paragraph 1 and other information compatible with the summary of the product characteristics which is useful for health education, to the exclusion of any element of a promotional nature."

Interested parties and the MCA (letters attached) have asked the Commission whether the above provision could be interpreted to allow the mentioning of the <u>Kosher and Halaal symbol</u> at the packaging of medicinal products.

The EMEA Herbal Working Group has addressed a similar question to the Commission: Is it possible to mention/add an "organic farming logo" at the packaging of medicinal products?

Action to be taken:

The Committee is requested to express its view on the acceptability of the indication of the <u>Kosher and Halaal symbol</u> and the <u>"organic farming logo"</u> at the packaging of medicinal products.