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4. Consolidation of the Legal Positioning of GMP

- Became a requirement for product approval
- GMP inspection prior to approval, and periodical GMP inspection in post-marketing phase
- GMP inspection at the time of application for partial change of the approval matters
- GMP inspection at foreign sites

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5. Revision and Consolidation of GMP Standards

- Revised Pharmaceutical Affairs Law (passed July 2002, Effective April 2005)
- MHLW Ministerial Ordinance No. 179 on GMP (published December 2004)
- Notification on GMP (March 30, 2005) – “Instructions to inspection body RE the Ministerial Ordinance, revision of Validation standards”

Major Changes:

Content of Approval Letters (Manufacturing Processes, Container Closure etc)-define where GMP applies “legally”
Change control and Deviation control

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Perceived Problems

- Superficial approaches to GMP -non validated procedures, little connection with QC results, procedures override science
- Regulations might not encourage good practices
- Poor communication between R&D and Manufacturing Plant
- Poor development and or change control of manufacturing
- Detail GMP related guidance and inspection manuals are NOT readily available in Japan

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GMP related guidelines

- **Product GMP Guideline:** Level is similar to ICH Q7A, with emphasis of Periodical Quality Review Technology Transfer, Process Validation Strategy, and Site Qualification of Pharmacopoeia Tests
- **Technology Transfer Guideline:** R&D responsibility and on Study Report ←ICH Q8
- **Laboratory Control Guideline**

The guidelines are posted at NIHS web site.

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Challenges

- Training for reviewers and inspectors on process/manufacturing sciences
- Industry side
 - Reluctant or unable to give a complete story
 - Regulatory personnel training
 - Superficial development (meeting specs is all)

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Establishment of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA)

- Integration of review division, safety information management division, and GMP inspection division
- Strengthening resources for review and inspection
- Established in April 2004

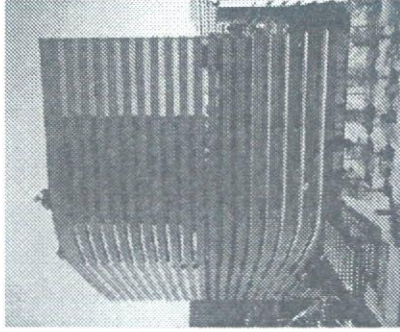


- ◇ Efficient review system
- ◇ More emphasis on pharmaceuticals with high risks

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Introduction of PMDA



■ **PMDA**

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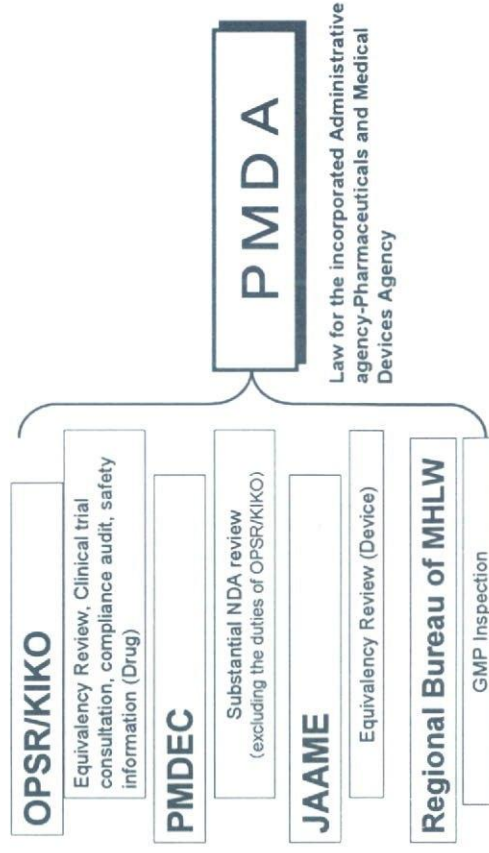
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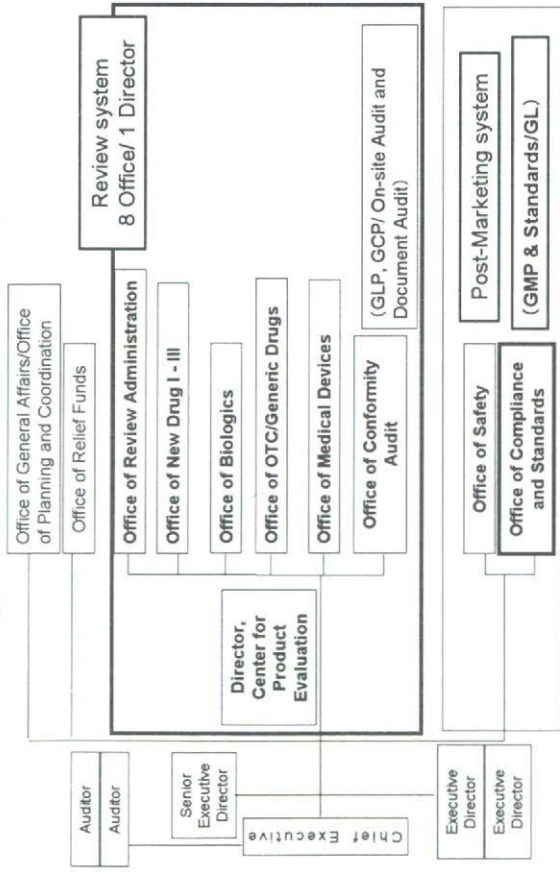
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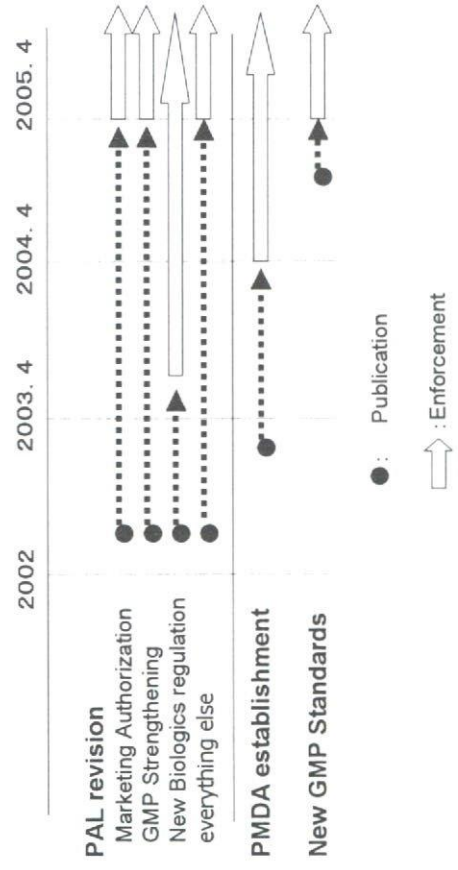
Establishing the PMDA



PMDA Organizational Structure (Outline)



Enforcement of New Regulations



Japanese CMC Review System with the Quality overall Summary

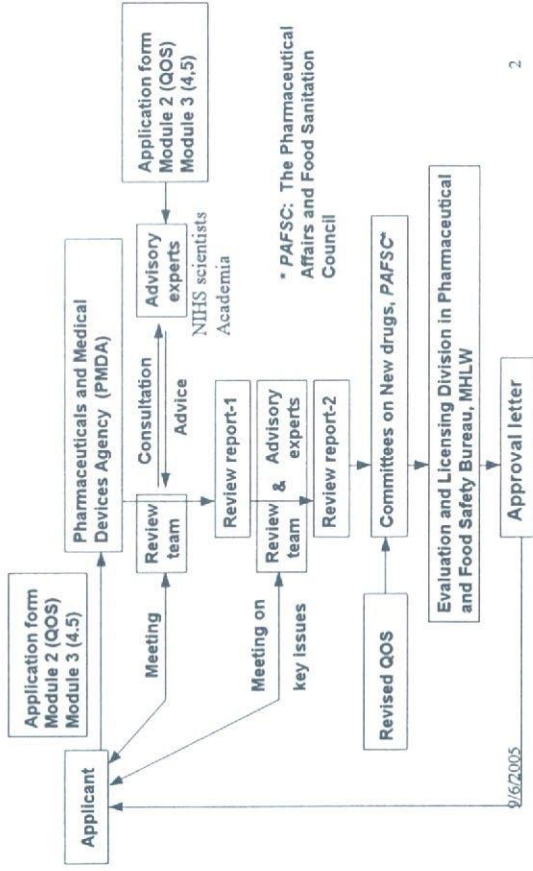
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Ensure Product Quality and Consistency

- Thorough product characterization during development (*including manufacturing process)
 - Appropriate specifications
 - Adherence to GMP; suitable facilities, a validated manufacturing process, validated test procedure, raw material testing, in-process testing, stability testing
- FROM ICH Q6A & B**

Flowchart of Reviewing Process



Quality (CMC) Review Areas

Risk Evaluation Phase: Identify basis for Quality

- Design and establishment of product
- Design and establishment of process and quality control of drug substance and products

Risk Control Phase:

- Commitment of control methods of process and quality control of drug substance and products
- (This phase was NOT well reviewed in Japan for system reasons before April 2005)

Basis for Quality(CMC) Review

- ICH Guidelines are the basis for NDA review.
- PMDA has a CTD-based GRP(Good Review Practices).
- There are some domestic guides for those not covered by ICH Guidelines.
- The Japanese Pharmacopoeia (JP) is also the basis for setting specifications and acceptance criteria of drug substances and drug products.
- “General methods described in the JP, and internationally harmonized methods are considered to be validated.”

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Basis for Quality Review

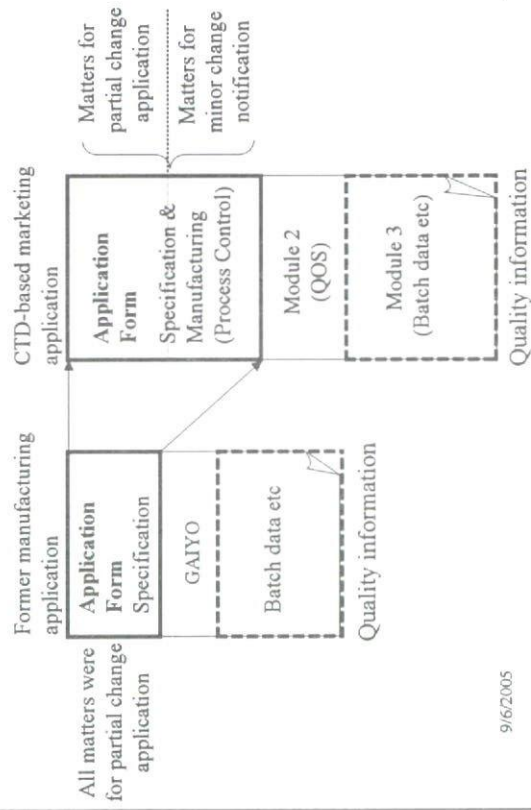
- ICH Q8 concept (minimum; identify risk, additional; Design Space) may be used to classify approval matters in the manufacturing process.

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Comparison of Application Forms before and after the Revision



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Balance between “Specification” and “Control of Manufacturing”

- Implementation of ICH-CTD (July, 2003)
- Revision of Pharmaceutical Affairs Law (April, 2005)



Comparison of Purposes of QOS between EU/USA and Japan

EU/USA

- Considered as a summary; not reviewed; not used as the basis for approval decision
- Used as an introduction to Module 3
- Module 3 is reviewed and serves as the basis for assessment report.
- EU: can be used as a frame for drafting assessment report.

Japan

- QOS is main review document.
 - Applicants are expected to summarize critical data in module 3 into QOS, along with a sufficient discussion on every critical point for ensuring the quality, efficacy and safety of the drug.
 - QOS makes it possible for reviewers to understand the characteristics of the drug within a short time, and to review the NDA application efficiently.

Characteristics of Japanese QOS

- Within CTD guideline
- Include many figures and tables which summarize critical data
- Include narrative summary and/or discussion on data
- Should be written in Japanese :Tables & Figures may be in English

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QOS is main Document for Reviewing NDA in Japan

1. Expert team in PMDA reviews NDA application using module 2 (QOS) as main review document and referring to module 3, and prepares a review report.
2. (Final)QOS and review report are submitted to the Committees on new drugs in the Pharmaceutical Affairs and Food Sanitation Council (PAFSC).
3. The committee members discuss quality, efficacy and safety of the drug based on the review report and QOS. (Usually, the committee members do not review module 3.)
4. The opinion of the committee is sent to MHLW together with the review report, then the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare grants the new drug approval to the applicant.

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Requirements for Mockup of QOS

Preparation of
Mockup of
Module 2 (QOS)

What to describe?
How to describe?

- 1) Determination of structure
- 2) Physicochemical properties
- 3) Manufacturing process (brief outline)
- 4) Specifications and test methods
- 5) Stability: stress test, accelerated test, long-term test

- 3.2.S.2 (P.2) Manufacture
- 3.2.S.6 (P.7) Container closure system
- 3.2.P.2 Pharmaceutical development
- 3.2.P.4 Control of excipients

- 3.2.S.1 General information
- 3.2.S.3 Characterization
- 3.2.S.4 (P.5) Control of drug substances (products) materials
- 3.2.S.5 (P.6) Reference standards or materials
- 3.2.S.7 (P.8) Stability

Former NDA Dossier

CTD-based NDA Dossier

Mockup of Japanese QOS

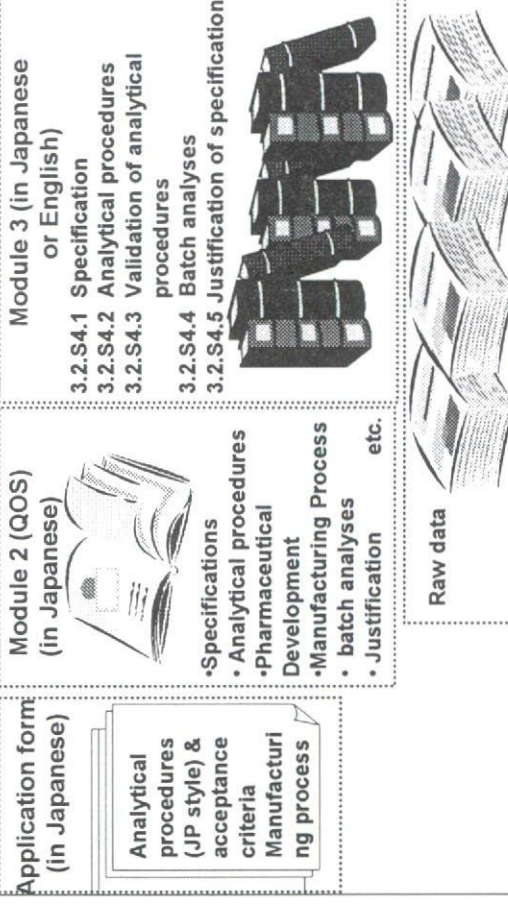
- Published by Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Tokyo, Osaka Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association and Japan Health Sciences Foundation in July 2002
- Merely shows an example of description for each module 2 section and just a reference for an applicant to prepare QOS.
- Not covers all information required for each NDA, nor shows acceptance criteria for each categories.
- NEED more description on pharmaceutical development and on justification of manufacturing process according to ICH Q8 and the revised PAL.

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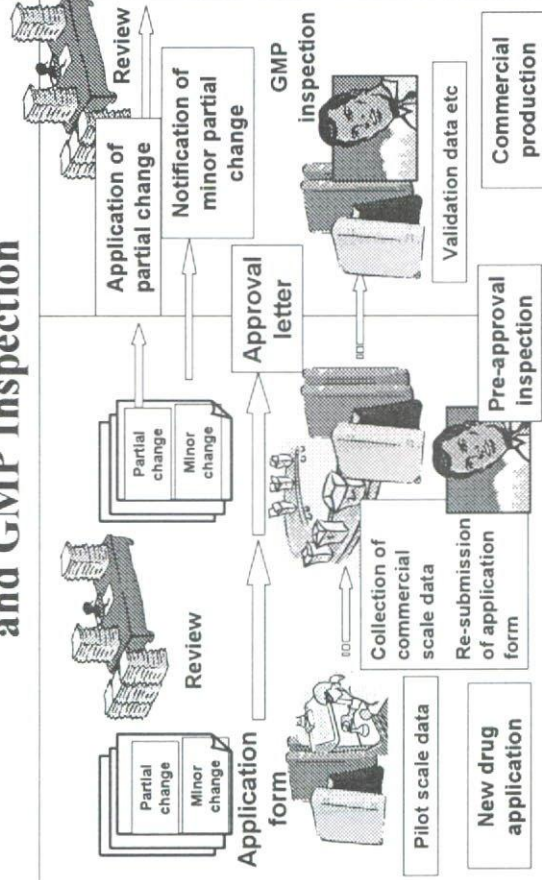
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Relationship between Application Form and CTD Documents



Revised Framework for Review and GMP Inspection



Benefits from comprehensive QoS

- Writing Japanese style QoS takes significant time and energy. BUT it helps the applicant organizations to understand their own product and process consistently
- QoS can be a vehicle for knowledge management in regulatory authorities and in industry

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Breakout Session G: QOS

Can QOS be used as an effective review tool?

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Norman Schmuff, US FDA
Richard Poska, Abbott



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Breakout Session Outline

- Issues Discussed
- Shared Understanding & Agreements
- Remaining Challenges
- Recommendations
 - Strategies to implement agreed-upon issues
 - Proposals to resolve remaining challenges

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Issues Discussed



- What are the pros and cons of the different QOS models? Should QOS be re-examined?
- How could the QOS be repurposed/redefined to be a more useful document for industry and regulatory agencies?
- What are the current challenges in preparing QOSs for global submissions and what challenges can be anticipated in revisiting the document to achieve a better QOS?
- Should a harmonized QOS be an ICH topic?
- Can the QOS be utilized for post-approval changes?

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Shared Understanding and Agreements

- QOS should be re-examined
- Industry willing to revisit QOS



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Shared Understanding and Agreements

- QOS should be re-examined
 - Regional differences in how QOS is prepared
 - Need for clarification on how QOS will be used
 - Primary Review vs Summary document
 - Current US/EU application of QOS lacks sufficient detail to be primary review document
- Industry willing to revisit QOS
 - Potential benefit is improved CMC review efficiency
 - Prefer single globally accepted QOS model and a single primary review document

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Remaining Challenges and Outstanding Issues

- What constitutes the regulatory agreement and relationship to QOS?
- Is there a potential use of QOS during IND Phases?
- Role in post approval submissions
 - Portions vs. no involvement
 - ICH Q10
- Is QOS a living vs. static document?

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Remaining Challenges and Outstanding Issues

- Regional barriers to general submission harmonization
 - E.g. Compendial standards, DMFs, packages
- Clarification of relationship QOS to Module 3
 - Include P2 or not or summarized?
 - How/when/where should design space be captured?
 - QOS should not be a data dump from Module 3
 - Should QOS length be determined by product complexity?

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Recommendations

Strategies to implement agreed-upon issues

- Further discussion and clarification required for a re-worked QOS
- If there is a decision to revisit QOS, it should be globally harmonized through the ICH process

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Recommendations

Proposals to resolve remaining challenges

Work towards
globally harmonized
regulatory review practice &
expectations



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