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GDP in Switzerland

Specifics in the Distribution of Medicinal Products and APIs

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Highlights

- Legal Bases for the Distribution of Medicinal Products
- Tasks and Responsibilities
- Liability
- Practical Implementation in Switzerland
- Distribution to, from and out of Switzerland
- Practical Aspects of Storage and Transportation
- Case Study: Validation of Transport Routes, Qualification of Transport Vehicles

Objective

This seminar provides an update on the legal framework, regulatory expectations and practical implementation of GDP in Switzerland.

- Gain a comprehensive understanding of the legal and regulatory framework for the distribution of medicinal products in Switzerland.
- Learn how to implement and maintain a GDP-compliant quality system, including documentation, qualification, and validation of critical distribution steps.
- Discuss the roles, tasks, and liability of the Responsible Person (Fachtechnisch Verantwortliche Person, FvP).
- Exchange experience and best practices with experts from industry, authority, and legal practice.
- Apply regulatory expectations to real-life examples, including transport validation, vehicle qualification, and stability considerations during storage and shipment.

Background

Quality requirements for medicines do not end after production and packaging. Medicines and APIs are often shipped over long distances and across different climate zones and stored in various warehouses.

Companies are required to demonstrate that all activities related to storage, handling, and transport are conducted under controlled and monitored conditions. The increasing complexity of global supply chains, temperature-sensitive products, and multiple distribution partners make it essential to have a well-established quality system in place. It is expected to ensure that processes are transparent, traceable, and continuously improved.

This course provides a comprehensive overview of key aspects of pharmaceutical distribution in Switzerland and offers practical insights into how GDP requirements can be translated into daily operations.

Target Audience

This course has been designed for employees, specialists and managers from storage, transportation and distribution as well as their colleagues from quality control, quality assurance and production, which are involved in the various processes of pharmaceutical logistics. It is also designed for Responsible Persons (Fachtechnisch verantwortliche Personen, FvP) and their deputies.

Programme

Legal Bases for the Distribution of Medicinal Products

- Swiss Law and European Law
  - Act on Therapeutic Products
  - Ordinance on Establishment Licences
  - European Guidelines on Good Distribution Practice of Medicinal Products for Human Use (GDP)
  - European GDP Guidelines for Active Substances
- Outsourced activities
- Written contract for outsourced activities

Tasks and Responsibilities

- General considerations on GDP in Switzerland
- Legal basis
- Revision of the Therapeutic Products Act (HMG) and its effects
- Authorization types
- GDP requirements
- Quality in the supply chain
- Technically Responsible Person (FvP) - General
- FvP - Delegation

Liability

- Responsibility and liability: terms
- Different kinds of responsibilities
  - Administrative responsibility
  - Civil responsibility
  - Criminal responsibility
- Protection of the Responsible Person
- The Responsible Person in case law

Practical Implementation in Switzerland

- The GDP inspection: preparation and implementation
- Wholesale vs. pre-wholesale: demarcation and similarities
- Transport in accordance with storage conditions: best practices
- Case study: validation of transport routes, qualification of transport vehicles

Storage and Transport: Practical Aspects (Interactive Session)

a) Warehouse
- Requirements
- Qualification
- Mapping
- Hygiene
- Documentation

b) Transport
- Transport qualification/ validation
- Transport at ambient conditions: expectations and control
- Deviation management
- Cool and cold chain
- Risk analysis
- Training

GDP ASSOCIATION

The European GDP Association aims to support Pharmaceutical Industry, Authorities and Logistic Providers with regard to the implementation of Good Distribution Practice.

It represents all stakeholders e.g. from Pharmaceutical Industry, Authorities and Logistic Providers and supports all members and stakeholders by providing them information and support in the implementation of GDP.

The Association is a not-for-profit organisation under the umbrella of the ECA Foundation. Membership is free to all individuals involved in Good Distribution Practice (currently more than 4,300 members).

www.good-distribution-practice-group.org

Speakers

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Dr Ina Bach is General Manager of Dr. Bach AG in St. Gallen. Dr Bach was a GMP- and GDP-Inspector at the RHI (Regionales Heilmittelinspektorat der Nordwestschweiz) and point of contact for foreign inspections by FDA, ANVISA and EMA.

Dr Johannes Fröhlich
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Dr Johannes M. Fröhlich is Pharmacist and General Manager at Akroswiss AG. He also works as a consultant in the area of GDP an das Responsible Person (RP). He holds a lectureship at the pharmaceutical institute of the ETH-Zürich.

Dr Felix Kesselring, LL.M. (LSE)
Bratschi AG

Dr Felix Kesselring studied at the universities of Zurich and Strasbourg. He received an LL.M. in Public Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and a doctorate (Dr. iur.) from the University of Basel. Felix Kesselring has been working as a lawyer since 2009. He holds a lectureship at the ETH-Zürich.

Dr Matthias Schwebe
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Dr Matthias Schwebe is Head of Quality Management at Roche Pharma Schweiz in Basel. Prior to this, he was Head of Quality Assurance and member of the management team at Alloga AG.

PARTICIPANTS' COMMENTS

"Very good course"
Igor Todorcevski, Alkaloidpharm SA

"Very useful presentations! Thank you!"
Dr Thorsten Dedecke, Fresenius Medical Care (Schweiz)

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08 September 2026, Basel, Switzerland

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Date

Tuesday, 08 September 2026, 9.00 h – 17.30 h
(Registration and coffee 8.30 h – 9.00 h)

Venue

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Registration

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The official conference language will be English.

Organisation and Contact

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