

# **EFPIA'S ANNUAL INSPECTION SURVEY**

# **Background and History**

# **\*** History

\* The annual inspection survey was initiated in 2003 with the intent to gather data regarding inspections activities in the research-based industry

# **\*** Intention

- Monitor trends and new focus areas of GMP/GDP inspections
- Continue to promote reliance, collaboration and consistency in inspections by highlighting duplicate regulatory GMP/GDP inspections
- \* Materialise the benefits of PIC/S membership in optimizing use of inspection resources with a harmonized risk-based approach for inspections while maintaining patient safety

## Scope

- \* Regulatory GMP/GDP inspections & related ISO-certifications for regulatory purpose
- \* Manufacturing sites and affiliates
- \* Inside and outside the Regulatory Authority's own borders



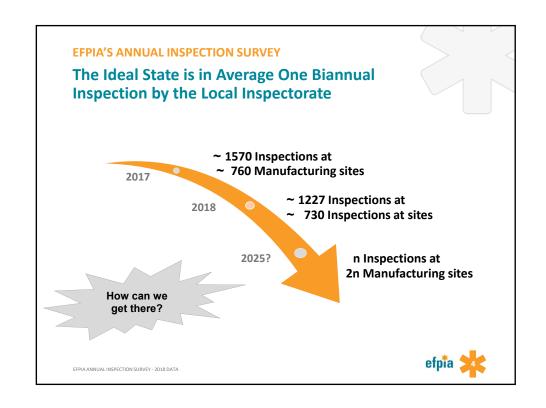
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# **Survey Outcomes 2018**

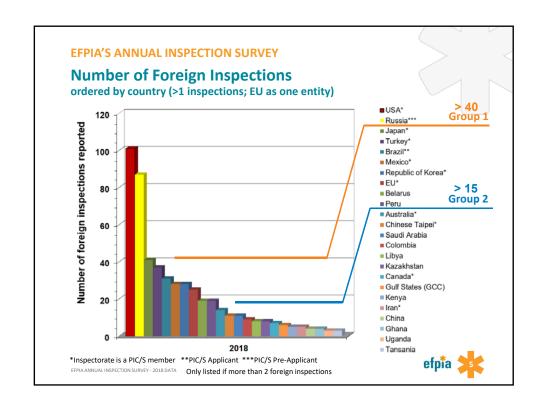


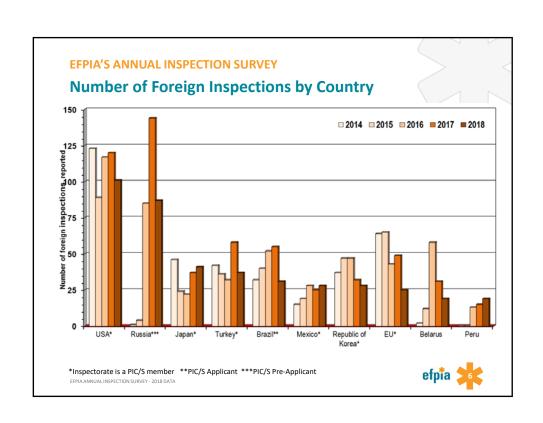
- US, Russia followed by Japan, Turkey, Brazil, Mexico, Republic of Korea, EU, Belarus and Peru
- \* Reportable trends from the survey compared with the previous year
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    - \* Foreign inspections by US (-15%), Turkey (-35%), Russia (-40%), Brazil (-45%), EU (-51%)
    - \* Companies reported that Brazil, Canada, Israel and US waived inspections
  - \* Increase of
    - \* Foreign inspections by Australia, Chinese Taipei
    - \* The number of inspections requiring follow up; especially at affiliates (100% more)
- \* Number of foreign inspections\* indicated an increase
  - \* Based on data from 22 research-based pharmaceutical companies

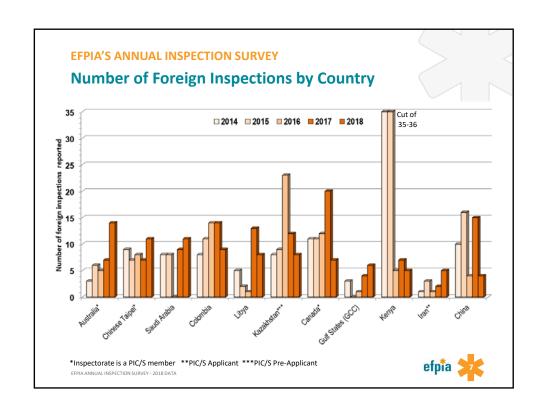


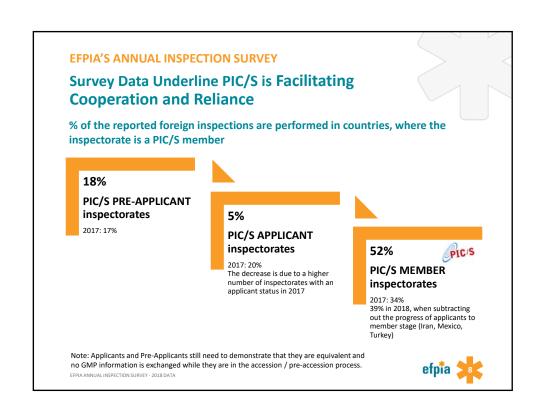


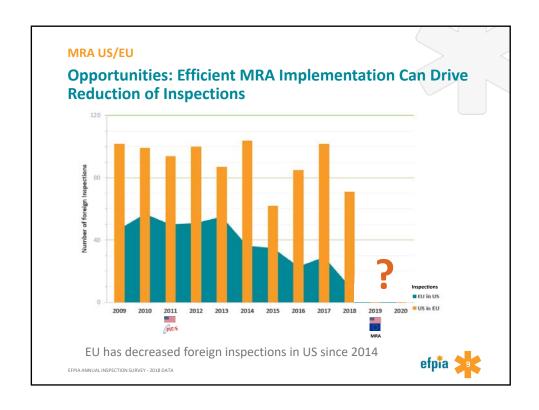
<sup>\*</sup> Foreign inspection: inspection conducted outside of the inspectorate's own country/region Domestic inspection: inspections conducted in the inspectorates own country/region











# **MRA US/EU**

# **Challenges With Implementation**

# \* Not all provisions of the current MRA are implemented

- \* Inspections called pre-approval inspections (PAI) in the US currently paused
- \* Recognition of inspections of manufacturing sites in 3<sup>rd</sup> countries *pending*
- \* Biological products, if registered by CBER no recognition by some offices in FDA
- \* Medicinal Products in the EU with a Medical Device registered as 'Combination Products' in the US different terminology leads to discrepancy in applicability

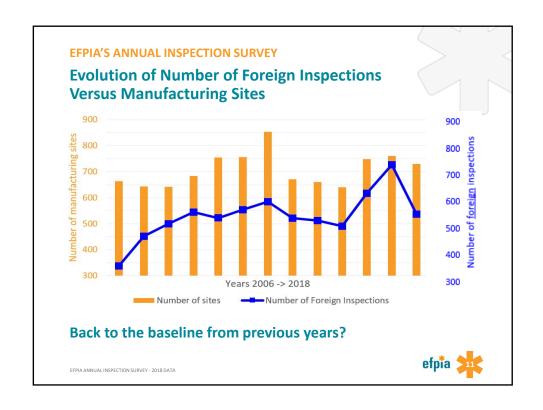
# **\*** Unexpected consequences on EU GMP-certificates

- \* They are required for 3<sup>rd</sup> country registration and import
- \* FDA (CDER only) may issues a product specific GMP statement under special circumstances *initiative started*

# **\*** Initiating efforts towards expanding the MRA to include

- \* Waiving of import testing after inspection of manufacturing sites in a 3<sup>rd</sup> country
- \* GMPs for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) / Cell and Gene Therapies (CGTs)





# SHARE REPORTS FROM REGULATORY INSPECTIONS **Assessment of WHO Recommendations Supporting the Ideal State** Recommendations to Industry 1. In support of transparency, companies should consent to the sharing of full information amongst regulators and procurement agencies on inspections. \* The survey showed that industry implemented the ICDRA recommendation \* Industry is prepared to share inspection reports, usually redacted \* Full information is shared upon request, where Intellectual Property is preserved NRA: National Regulatory Authorities ICDRA: International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (by WHO) icd efpia EFPIA ANNUAL INSPECTION SURVEY - 2018 DATA

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# Assessment of WHO Recommendations Supporting the Ideal State

Industry support the ICDRA 2018 recommendations on risk based inspections and regulatory collaboration

# **Recommendations to Member States**

- NRAs should embed the use of reliance procedures in their regulatory decision processes relating to inspections.
- NRAs should monitor foreign inspections and support desk-top assessments with defined conditions



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 When sharing assessment or inspection reports, Member States should share unredacted reports, where possible, which is important to build trust and to optimize reliance on outcomes from other regulators.

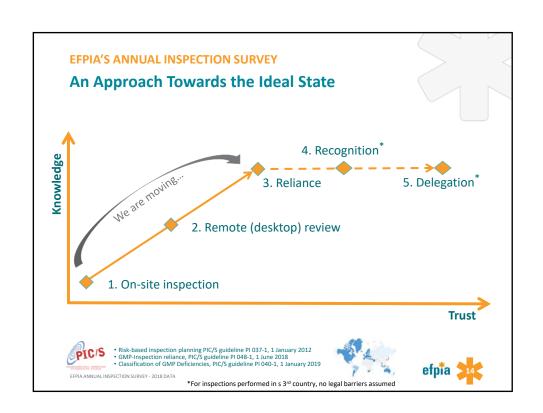
NRA: National Regulatory Authorities
ICDRA: International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (by WHO)

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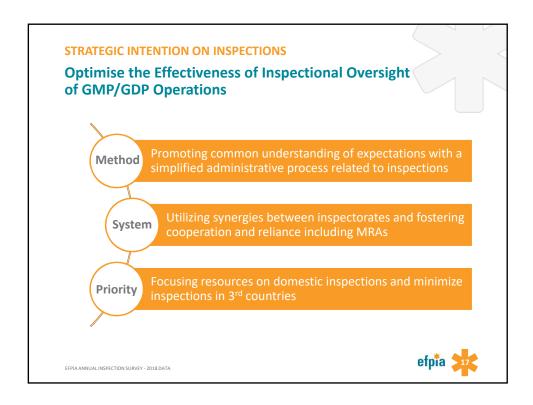






# **TERMINOLOGY** Remote (Desktop) Review - Paper-based Inspections Information Information from other provided by a inspectorates company Information gathered from other sources Remote (desktop) review Remote (desktop) review (PIC/S) PIC/S, GMP Inspection reliance, Guideline No PI 08-1, 01. June 2018 Confirming GMP compliance through remote (desktop) inspection, where appropriate, without undertaking an onsite inspection Paper based inspections 11/22 companies reported in the surveyProviding documents to an inspectorate, efpia EFPIA ANNUAL INSPECTION SURVEY - 2018 DATA

# REMOTE (DESKTOP) REVIEW - PAPER-BASED INSPECTIONS Talking Points to Optimise the Use of Opportunities in the Inspection Process A Companies suggest a remote (desktop) review according to PIC/S\* as an alternative to a requested for an on-site foreign inspection B Remote (desktop) review according to PIC/S\* should be considered as alternative to a foreign inspection Companies could submit standardised documentation package \* May include, and may be limited to SMF, APQR for product in scope, valid GxP certificates and/or WHO CPP, manufacturer's licence, list of inspections / inspections reports (e.g. EIR-US only) and companies responses. \* All other documents would be available to be reviewed on site by the local inspectorate \* Remote (desktop) review: PIC/S, GMP Inspection reliance, Guideline No PI 08-1, 01. June 2018



# OTHER REFLECTIONS ON CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

# **Inspection Method**



- Basing regulations, rules and practices on science principles and incorporating risk-based approaches
- Sharing knowledge and looking for opportunities in the existing legal framework rather than creating 'new' fragmented GMP/GDP guidelines in the EU
- \* Assessing new products and technologies in the context of the existing understanding of GMP requirements and oversight
- Alignment on documentation requirements prior to an on-site inspection and/or for a paper-based inspection as part of remote (desktop) review



# OTHER REFLECTIONS ON CONTINUOUS **IMPROVEMENT**

# **Inspection System**



- \* Sharing good practice and aligning on a common interpretation of GMP/GDPs
  - \* Classification system for observations (PIC/S\*)
- \* Encouraging trust and dialogue among inspectors
  - \* Maximise effectiveness of existing harmonisation forums e.g., PIC/S, ICMRA, ICH, WHO, APEC
  - \* Facilitate education
- \* Fostering reliance and recognition towards delegation
  - \* Maturity level of authorities (e.g., PIC/S, WHO, MRA US/EU)
  - \* Leverage the benefit from reliance on inspection outcomes

\*Classification of GMP Deficiencies, PIC/S guideline PI 040-1, 1 January 2019





# OTHER REFLECTIONS ON CONTINUOUS **IMPROVEMENT**

# **Inspection Priority**



- \* Fully deploying the US/EU MRA to maximise benefits
- **\*** Harmonized documentation package for desk assessments and/or inspection preparation
- \* Sharing results of inspection outcomes among regulators and by industry
- \* Promoting reliance of outcomes from domestic inspections

# OTHER REFLECTIONS ON CONTINUOUS **IMPROVEMENT**

# **Expected Benefits**

# **\*** For Industry and Regulators

- **\*** Globally aligned GMP/GDPs principles
- \* Facilitate access to innovation
- \* Resource-efficient inspection processes

# **\*** For Patients

- \* Assurance of Quality and optimised regulatory oversight
- \* Accelerate Time to Market
- \* Get access to new and innovative medicines



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