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## **Meeting Summary September 27, 2007**

### **California Board of Pharmacy Review of EPCglobal's Electronic Pedigree Standard**

Claremont Resort and Spa  
41 Tunnel Road  
Berkeley, CA 94705  
7 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Powers, Board President  
Stan Goldenberg, RPh, Board Member  
Virginia Herold, Executive Officer  
Judi Nurse, Supervising Inspector  
Joshua Room, Deputy Attorney General  
Robert Ratcliff, Supervising Inspector

From EPCglobal:

Ron Bone, CoChair, EPCglobal Healthcare & Life Sciences Industry Action Group  
Mike Rose, CoChair, EPCglobal Healthcare & Life Sciences Industry Action Group  
Eric Douglass, EPCglobal Retail Representative  
Grant Hodgkins, CoChair, EPCglobal Adoption Group  
John Howells, CoChair, EPCglobal Track & Trace Group  
Ted Ng, Industry Member  
Robert Celeste, Director, Healthcare, EPCglobal North America

The meeting was a follow-up to a March 2007 Meeting, and started at 7:15 a.m.

The meeting focused on a 10-page PowerPoint document (attached) in which the following topics were discussed in terms of whether the EPCglobal messaging standard was capable of handling specific situations. Input had been developed by EPCglobal from industry during periodic meetings on:

1. Unit Dose Serialization
2. Receipt of Partial Shipments
3. Drop Shipments

4. Sign and Certify Inbound (inference issue)
5. Resale of Returned Products
6. Intra-Company Transfers
7. Voided Pedigrees
8. Inference

The board may amplify some of these items into a question and answer framework, along with other questions submitted to the board's email address ([californiapedigree@pharmacy.ca.gov](mailto:californiapedigree@pharmacy.ca.gov)).

Another result of the September 27, 2007 discussion with EPCglobal representatives was the identification of certain topic areas in which the board would benefit from (and industry may wish to provide) additional input to the board regarding the prevalence, problems and possible preferred industry solutions in these areas. These topics may be scheduled as part of regularly scheduled Workgroup on E-Pedigree meetings or as stand alone meetings as topical workgroups as implementation issues arise.

It is anticipated that these presentations will come, at least initially, from industry associations or other representatives, so as to capture larger quantities of data or experience and focus the discussions on systemic rather than individual solutions. It is also anticipated that competing concerns of different industry players may need to be suspended to advance the presentation.

For each of these issue areas, the board would welcome written submissions regarding experience, difficulties, proposals, and other issues pertaining to implementation. Again, while the board is not precluding submissions by individual companies, it would be helpful for any written submission to be representative of more than an individual experience or preference.

To facilitate discussions of these topics, the board suggests the following "template" for written presentations to be submitted to the board in advance of such meetings.

- Submitted by:
- Problem/conflict with California's law:
- Background: Historical overview/framework of current practices in the industry, what are the different scenarios in which this practice or subject area has arisen already, and what are the processes employed to date, what members of the supply chain are involved?
- Frequency or prevalence of this practice or subject area:
- A specific discussion of the costs such implementation, on as many variables as possible (per-unit, per-store, per-facility, per-company)

- Can compliance with California's law be met? Why or why not?
- Desired Solution:
- Without the desired solution, what is the potential impact?

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This proposal will be provided for the board at the October Board Meeting for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.