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Guidance for civil society representatives on EMA's corporate website relaunch: What you need to know and what you need to do

Outdated links to pre-September 2018 website discontinued

EMA's relaunched website will no longer support links that refer to the version of the website from before September 2018. This means all links to the EMA's website starting with 'http:' (as in <http://www.ema.europa.eu/>) will stop working. Therefore, we advise to update these outdated links before 5 December 2023.

How to identify which links to update

- **Links to our homepage starting with "http://"** instead of "https://":
<http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema>
- **Links to web pages starting with http://, containing "index.jsp?" in the URL** as highlighted in the following example: <http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?>
- **Links to documents starting with "http://"** with a file name starting with "WC5" as highlighted in following example:
[http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_EN/document_library/EPAR - Product Information/human/000603/WC500044686.pdf](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_EN/document_library/EPAR_-_Product_Information/human/000603/WC500044686.pdf)

How to replace these links

- **Replace the outdated link with the matching page or document on our relaunched website** - links to web pages or documents should start with <https://www.ema.europa.eu>

While replacing old links, make sure you apply the following best practice in terms of titles:

- **Provide meaningful titles to pages** – replace a page with the following outdated URL structure like http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/regulation/general/general_content_001768.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac0580b18a3a with one containing a meaningful title like <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development>
- **Provide meaningful titles to documents** – replace a document with the following outdated structure like [http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_EN/document_library/EPAR - Product Information/human/000603/WC500044686.pdf](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_EN/document_library/EPAR_-_Product_Information/human/000603/WC500044686.pdf) with one containing a meaningful title like <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/product->

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To search for current documents on EMA's, we recommend using the following link: https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/search/search/type/ema_document

New links to CHMP and CVMP opinions for new medicines and recommendations of extension of indication

Our CHMP and CVMP summary of opinion pages will have different URLs. Below are some examples for CHMP opinions whose URLs will change (same applies to veterinary pages which have an identical link format, with the only changing being '/veterinary/' instead of '/human/')

- **Opinions for new medicines**
Changing from <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/summaries-opinion/medicinename>
to
<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/EPAR/medicinename>
- **Recommendations of extension of indication**
Changing from <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/summaries-opinion/medicinename>
to
<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/variation/medicinename>

New links to withdrawn applications for new medicines and recommendations of extension of indication

Links to our withdrawn application pages for human and veterinary medicines will have different URLs. Below are some examples (same applies to veterinary pages which have an identical link format, with the only changing being '/veterinary/' instead of '/human/')

- **Withdrawn applications for new medicines**
Changing from <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/withdrawn-applications/medicinename>
to
<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/EPAR/medicinename>
- **Withdrawn applications for recommendation of extension of indication**
Changing from <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/withdrawn-applications/medicinename>
to
<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/variation/medicinename>

All links to the CHMP and CVMP opinions and withdrawn applications will be redirected to the new links.

While this information is mostly for awareness, in view of future EMA website upgrades we advise you to update the links with current ones to avoid broken links further down the road.

If you have any questions or need help, please contact us at: newwebsite@ema.europa.eu.