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Onderwerp: Update on the use of Comirnaty's vial overfill

Dear Colleagues,

Following the EMRN discussion yesterday regarding Comirnaty's vials overfill, we would like to inform you that the company has now submitted a variation to request a change. This will now be reviewed by CHMP in the shortest possible timeframe. We will keep you informed once the assessment has concluded. In the meantime, please find below the lines that we are using to respond to press queries:

In its marketing authorisation application for Comirnaty, the company described the finished product as a 5 dose multidose concentrate to be diluted prior to intramuscular injection. Each vial is designed to deliver a total of 5 doses after dilution.

The overfill in the vial is required to ensure that the full five doses can be removed from the multi-dose vial after dilution and correctly administered, taking account of potential loss of product during the syringe filling and administration steps (most loss is due to dead-space in syringe and needle which is lost after dose administration).

In its assessment of the pharmaceutical development data and finished product testing, EMA's human medicines committee (CHMP) was reassured that that 5 doses can be consistently extracted from the vial and delivered after dilution.

The Committee already prompted the company at that time to submit data showing that 6 doses can be extracted from the vial consistently (See Recommendation 21 (REC21) in the [assessment report](#)).

The company has now submitted a request for change, which will be reviewed by the CHMP in the shortest possible timeframe. If the CHMP finds that 6 doses can be extracted consistently, it will recommend a change to the current terms of the authorisation to support Member States in their roll-out of the vaccine.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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