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Graag gedaan.

Met betrekking tot registratie: we ontvangen morgen een update van Serum Institute. Het opnemen van Serum Institute in het registratiedossier voor EU is en blijft inderdaad primaire verantwoordelijkheid van AZ.

Verdere achtergrond info -

Er zijn bij Serum Institute meerdere grootschalige productielijnen voor het Oxford-vaccin in gebruik en goedgekeurd door MHRA. Deze zijn ook opgenomen in AZ registratiedossier voor de UK.

Daarnaast is een nieuwe lijn bij Serum Institute in operatie gebracht, eveneens voor productie van het Oxford-vaccin. Het goedkeuringsproces voor EMA loopt via AZ. Status update volgt dus.

Opzetten van vaccine bridge NL-India zou kunnen helpen bij:

- (i) faciliteren EMA proces over toevoeging Serum Institute aan AZ registratiedossier
- (ii) faciliteren van export India naar EU en
- (iii) faciliteren import in EU.

Zoals bekend - In UK is er vanuit PM office proactief betrokkenheid geweest om goedkeuringsproces MHRA te faciliteren. Dit heeft ogenschijnlijk geholpen het vaccin vanuit Serum Institute sneller in UK te krijgen.

Met vriendelijke groet,

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Op 23 mrt. 2021 om 09:46 heeft [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted]@gmail.com> het volgende geschreven:

Dank [redacted]

Interessant artikel. Ik kopieer [redacted] op mijn reactie. Ben het met je eens dat de SII route een mogelijkheid op korte termijn lijkt te bieden, vooropgesteld dat aan de registratieeisen voldaan kan worden.

Primair is dit laatste uiteraard AstraZeneca's verantwoordelijkheid, maar gezien jullie rol, laat het graag het weten als jij daar een update over hebt.

Het feit dat UK former Chief of Staff Eddie Lister in India is, bevestigt dat de SII route een opportunity is.

Zal het straks in mijn gesprek met VWS weer onder de aandacht brengen.

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On 23 Mar 2021, at 09:32, [5.1.2e@blendf.nl](#) wrote:

Beste [5.1.2e](#) – interessant artikel in Financial Times over UK-EU spanningen, onder andere rondom AZ-productie vanuit Halix.

Ook opvallend is dat Boris Johnson's former chief of staff in India is om supply vanuit India te organiseren. Goed voorbeeld voor EU? Nederland heeft met vaccine bridge NL-India wellicht de oplossing in handen.

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Johnson seeks to end UK-Brussels stand-off over AstraZeneca vaccine

British PM calls for 'co-operation' and dispatches emissary to end bitter feud over jabs

Millions of doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine are produced at a Dutch factory run by Halix, a subcontractor. Boris Johnson has sent an emissary to Brussels to end a bitter stand-off over vaccines, calling for "international co-operation" and warning that a surge in Covid-19 cases in the EU would end up hitting the UK.

Speaking on Monday ahead of the anniversary of Britain's first lockdown, Johnson said Britain and the EU were in the same boat: "On the continent right now you can see, sadly, there is a third wave under way," he said. "And people in this country should be under no illusions that previous experience has taught us that when a wave hits our friends, I'm afraid it washes up on our shores as well."

Tim Barrow, Britain's former ambassador to the EU, was dispatched to Brussels to try to defuse a looming vaccine war and to offer British support to efforts to boost production capacity. Vaccines have emerged as the latest flashpoint in relations between the EU and UK as the two sides deal with the consequences of supply shortfalls from AstraZeneca, the pharmaceuticals company.

AstraZeneca has made promises to both the UK and the EU that it cannot fulfil. So there will need to be some sort of deal EU diplomat London insists its deal with AstraZeneca gives it first call on production from the EU, and not just UK factories. But the EU is equally adamant that it is entitled to both AstraZeneca supply from Europe and a share from two UK factories named in its own contract.

Johnson has in recent days held talks over vaccines with leaders including Angela Merkel, Germany's chancellor, and Emmanuel Macron, president of France. The issue will be considered by European leaders at a summit that begins on Thursday, as Brussels discusses tighter controls on vaccine exports.

Micheál Martin, Ireland's prime minister, said any EU export ban would be a "retrograde step". He told RTE radio: "I'm very much against it . . . it's absolutely vital that we keep supply chains open." Recommended Covid-19 vaccines Covid-19 vaccine tracker: the global race to vaccinate.

A particular focus on the UK-EU talks are the two sides' competing demands on millions of doses of the AstraZeneca produced at a **Dutch factory run by Halix**, a subcontractor. EU officials say the stockpile of Halix production, which is of undisclosed size, should be delivered to the bloc as soon as the factory receives regulatory authorisation from the European Medicines Agency, which is expected to happen soon. Asked whether it was prepared to give up some of the doses at the Halix plant in Leiden it claims are contracted to the UK, Downing Street said it expected contracts to be honoured but that it had other sources of supply.

"That's one plant," a spokesman for Johnson said. "It's also produced in the UK and it's produced in India." **Johnson's former chief of staff Eddie Lister is in India**, trying to boost supplies from that country's Serum Institute. Recommended Tony Barber Europe's Covid response risks snatching defeat from the jaws of victory One EU diplomat said: "AstraZeneca has made promises to both the UK and the EU that it cannot fulfil. So there will need to be some sort of deal. But it's worth remembering that these Halix doses are in the EU, and AstraZeneca needs permission to ship any of them to the UK, so the cards are stacked against the UK."

5.1.2e 5.1.2e, president of biopharmaceuticals at AstraZeneca, insisted at a press conference that Halix was "a very small site in the overall supply chain", adding: "For Europe, by far the biggest ones are the sites in the US and in Belgium." Frustration with AstraZeneca has boiled over in EU capitals as the company has repeatedly slashed its delivery commitments. The UK is also preparing for tighter vaccine supplies in the coming weeks. The EU diplomat argued it would be in UK interests to settle the matter before the EU summit. "If the dispute is still going then, there will not be a lot of understanding for the UK's position from EU leaders who are battling a third wave."

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