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eAF - Information and Q&A session on updated CAPs in web-based eAF

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Welcome & Introduction

10:00 – 10:10

Kristiina Puusaari
eAF Product Owner

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Q&A

10:35 – 10:55

Moderator:
Isabella Pedon
eAF Change Management Team

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Updates on updated CAPs in web-based eAF

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eAF Product Owner

Marcos Fernandez Gomez
PMS Co-Product Owner

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Closing

10:55 – 11:00

Kristiina Puusaari
eAF Product Owner



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2. Send or upvote the questions you want to hear answered



3. Questions will be shown on the screen and managed live in the Q&A session



New Centrally Authorised Product (CAP) load is now available in the web-based eAF



Some data issues and some new (minor) issues in the form functions have been found since the new load



We now feel confident to **recommend the use of the web-based eAF for all CAPs' variations starting from 14 May 2024**

However, please note there are still some known issues and limitations!

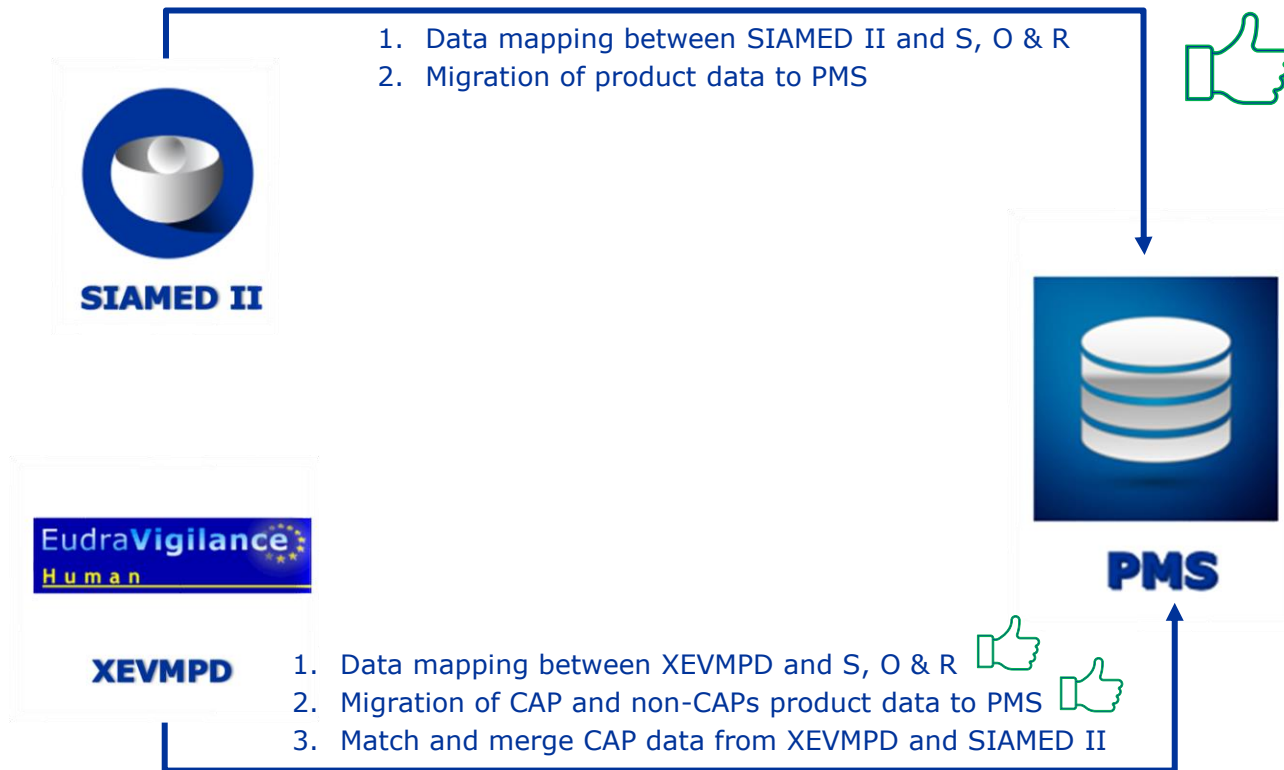


Add package feature still pending – for variations adding package please use the interactive pdf eAF



Please report ALL issues that you find via ServiceNow – select the correct category carefully

Match and merge CAP products



Match and merge CAP products



Selected product Product number EMEA/H/C/002157
Umbrella product Product (Invented) name Skilarence

Product	Product relationships	Form/Strength/Presentation	Manufact
120 mg - Gastro-resistant tablet			
30 mg - Gastro-resistant tablet			

Medicinal products

EU number
EU/1/17/1201/002
EU/1/17/1201/003
EU/1/17/1201/004
EU/1/17/1201/005
EU/1/17/1201/006
EU/1/17/1201/007

Packaged medicinal products

PMS ID	Medicinal product name	Packaged medicinal product
60000003227	Skilarence - 30 mg – Gastro-resistant tablet	EU/1/17/1201/001 EU/1/17/1201/013 EU/1/17/1201/014
600000001121	Skilarence - 120 mg – Gastro-resistant tablet	EU/1/17/1201/005 EU/1/17/1201/006 EU/1/17/1201/007

Match and merge of this pair of products



EV Code	Full Presentation Name	Authorisation Number	EU Number
PRD513	Skilarence 120 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/002	EU/1/17/1201/002
PRD513	Skilarence 120 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/003	EU/1/17/1201/003
PRD513	Skilarence 120 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/004	EU/1/17/1201/004
PRD513	Skilarence 120 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/005	EU/1/17/1201/005
PRD513	Skilarence 120 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/006	EU/1/17/1201/006
PRD513	Skilarence 120 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/007	EU/1/17/1201/007
PRD513	Skilarence 120 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/008	EU/1/17/1201/008

Medicinal product name	Packaged medicinal product
Skilarence 30 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/001 EU/1/17/1201/013 EU/1/17/1201/014
Skilarence 120 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/005 EU/1/17/1201/006 EU/1/17/1201/007

Match and merge CAP products



PMS ID	Medicinal product name	Packaged medicinal product
600000003227	Skilarence - 30 mg – Gastro-resistant tablet	EU/1/17/1201/001 EU/1/17/1201/013 EU/1/17/1201/014
600000001121	Skilarence - 120 mg – Gastro-resistant tablet	EU/1/17/1201/005 EU/1/17/1201/006 EU/1/17/1201/007

Match and merge of this pair of products

↓ PMS ID	Full Name	Authorised Dose Form	MA Holder
600000001121	Skilarence 120 mg gastro-resistant tablets	Gastro-resistant tablet	Almirall S.A.
600000003227	Skilarence 30 mg gastro-resistant tablets	Gastro-resistant tablet	Almirall S.A.

Medicinal product name	Packaged medicinal product
Skilarence 30 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/001 EU/1/17/1201/013 EU/1/17/1201/014
Skilarence 120 mg gastro-resistant tablets	EU/1/17/1201/005 EU/1/17/1201/006 EU/1/17/1201/007

Split of products from SIAMED II



Selected product Product number EMEA/H/C/00444
Product (Invented) name **Aimovig**

Product	Product relationships	Form/Strength/Presentation	Manu
140 mg - Solution for injection			
70 mg - Solution for injection			

Presentations

No.	EU number
7	EU/1/18/1293/004
8	EU/1/18/1293/005
9	EU/1/18/1293/006

PMS ID	Medicinal product name	Packaged medicinal product
600000001234	Aimovig - 140 mg - solution for injection	EU/1/18/1239/004 EU/1/18/1239/005 EU/1/18/1239/006
600000005678	Aimovig - 70 mg - solution for injection	EU/1/18/1239/001 EU/1/18/1239/002 EU/1/18/1239/003



EV Code	Full Presentation Name	Authorisation Number
PRD7257406	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen	EU/1/18/1293/004
PRD7257410	Aimovia 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen	EU/1/18/1293/005
PRD7257414	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe	EU/1/18/1293/006

Match and merge can't happen as there are two products coming from XEVMPD and one from SIAMED II

PMS ID	Medicinal product name	Packaged medicinal product
600000001234	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen	EU/1/18/1239/004 EU/1/18/1239/005
600000005678	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe	EU/1/18/1239/006

Split of products from SIAMED II



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PMS ID	Medicinal product name	Packaged medicinal product
600000001234	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen	EU/1/18/1239/004 EU/1/18/1239/005
600000005678	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe	EU/1/18/1239/006

Split of products from SIAMED II



PMS ID	Medicinal product name	Packaged medicinal product
600000001234	Aimovig - 140 mg - solution for injection	EU/1/18/1239/004 EU/1/18/1239/005
600000009012	Aimovig - 140 mg - solution for injection	EU/1/18/1239/006
600000005678	Aimovig - 70 mg - solution for injection	EU/1/18/1239/001
600000003456	Aimovig - 70 mg - solution for injection	EU/1/18/1239/002 EU/1/18/1239/003

- Product from SIAMED II (already in PMS) is split to contain the same presentations as in XEVMPD.
- Two medicinal products are created out of the former one already existing.

There is a perfect match now and therefore merge can happen

Full Name ↑	Authorised Dose Form
Aimovig 140 mg - Solution for injection	Solution for injection
Aimovig 70 mg - Solution for injection	Solution for injection
<i>Total 2 entries</i>	

PMS ID	Medicinal product name	Packaged medicinal product
600000001234	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen	EU/1/18/1239/004 EU/1/18/1239/005
600000005678	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe	EU/1/18/1239/006

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600000005678	Aimovig - 70 mg - solution for injection	EU/1/18/1239/001
600000003456	Aimovig - 70 mg - solution for injection	EU/1/18/1239/002 EU/1/18/1239/003

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↓ PMS ID	Full Name	Authorised Dose Form
600000252661	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe	Solution for injection
600000252662	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen	Solution for injection
600000252718	Aimovig 70 mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe	Solution for injection
600000252719	Aimovig 70 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen	Solution for injection

PMS ID	Medicinal product name	Packaged medicinal product
600000001234	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen	EU/1/18/1239/004 EU/1/18/1239/005
600000005678	Aimovig 140 mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe	EU/1/18/1239/006

- Full presentation name is taken from XEVMPD
- Authorised dose form is kept from SIAMED II



Two medicinal products will be matched when the following conditions are all met:

- All presentations in XEVMPD must match the presentations from SIAMED II
- MAH (LOC ID) in SIAMED II and XEVMPD are the same
- Only EU records from XEVMPD will be matched (CAPs with authorisation country LI, NO and IS are considered different records)

Business rules of the match and merge

If the match happens, the next step is the merge, when the two medicinal products are merged into one and the data between them is consolidated:

- Full presentation name from XEVMPD will survive
- Authorised dose form from SIAMED will survive
- ...

Business rules on which source survives after the match and merge can be found in Chapter 7 of the EU IG

Surrendered products are shown in the product selection view – after page/browser refresh they disappear

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Product Selection

Products concerned by this application

Column visibility Show 10 rows Refresh

Associate MRP Nr. Search + Add Product

Full Name	Authorised Dose Form	Active Substance	Authorisation Country	MA Holder	MA Nr.	MRP / CP Nr.	PMS ID	MP ID	MRP Variation Nr.	Nr. of Selected Packages
ADCIRCA 2 mg/mL oral suspension	Oral suspension	Tadalafil	European Union	Eli Lilly Nederland B.V.	EU/1/08/476	EMEA/H/C/001021	600000108940			0/1
ADCIRCA 20 mg film-coated tablets	Film-coated tablet	Tadalafil	European Union	Eli Lilly Nederland B.V.	EU/1/08/476	EMEA/H/C/001021	600000003400			0/2

Selected Packaged Medicinal Product(s)

Search

Full Name	Pack Size	Package Description	MA Number	Package ID	Authorisation Status
ADCIRCA 20 mg film-coated tablets	28 tablets	Packaging: blister (alu/PVC/PE/PCTF E), Package size: 28 tablets	EU/1/08/476/005	72262	Valid
ADCIRCA 20 mg film-coated tablets	2 tablets	Packaging: blister (alu/PVC/PE/PCTF E), Package size: 2 tablets	EU/1/08/476/001	72258	Surrendered
ADCIRCA 20 mg film-coated tablets	12 tablets	Packaging: blister (alu/PVC/PE/PCTF E), Package size: 12 tablets	EU/1/08/476/004	72261	Surrendered
ADCIRCA 20 mg film-coated tablets	4 tablets	Packaging: blister (alu/PVC/PE/PCTF E), Package size: 4 tablets	EU/1/08/476/002	72259	Surrendered
ADCIRCA 20 mg film-coated tablets	56 tablets	Packaging: blister (alu/PVC/PE/PCTF E), Package size: 56 tablets	EU/1/08/476/006	72263	Valid
ADCIRCA 20 mg film-coated tablets	8 tablets	Packaging: blister (alu/PVC/PE/PCTF E), Package size: 8 tablets	EU/1/08/476/003	72260	Surrendered





There is a new bug in the system which allows the selection of the same medicinal product and the same packages multiple times

1

The same packages are listed multiple times in the same form, and this can lead to validation/billing issues – always carefully check the **exported pdf form** to ensure that the form correctly reflects the changes you wish to introduce in the variation

2

There maybe **discrepancies between the web user interface and the pdf** – however, it is important to ensure that the pdf is correct – pls report any discrepancies through the ServiceNow

3

If issues cannot be solved/the pdf is not correct/the data in the xml is not reflecting correctly the pdf content – please **use the interactive pdf eAF instead** and report the issues to EMA asap using ServiceNow



Issues with 'Copy Application' feature

- 1 Form content is not always copied
- 2 Error message informing of failed copy – however perfect copy has been created
- 3 Creating a copy times out or takes very long time



Do not use this feature to copy applications created prior to the new product load



Split products/products that have been 'removed' are also copied, but cannot be removed/changed and this can lead to discrepancies/errors in the forms (e.g. PDF and the xml are not aligned)



We strongly recommend creating new forms

i.e. do **not** continue working on a form you created prior to the new product load

1

If the product has been split **it is not possible to delete** the previously selected product from the form and as a result the pdf export may fail:

The product details are incorrectly displayed on the pdf export which may lead to validation issues/rejection or incorrect billing

The split products are not exported i.e. the medicinal product and packaged medicinal products are missing from the pdf export (although visible in the web UI)

The product names of almost all products have changed following the 'match-merge' protocol which can also cause issues if you continue editing previously created form (even in the case where the product has not been split)



Occasionally you may receive an error message when trying to export or finalise the form

1

Try pressing the 'export' button again, occasionally this requires 2 or 3 tries and eventually the form is correctly exported

2

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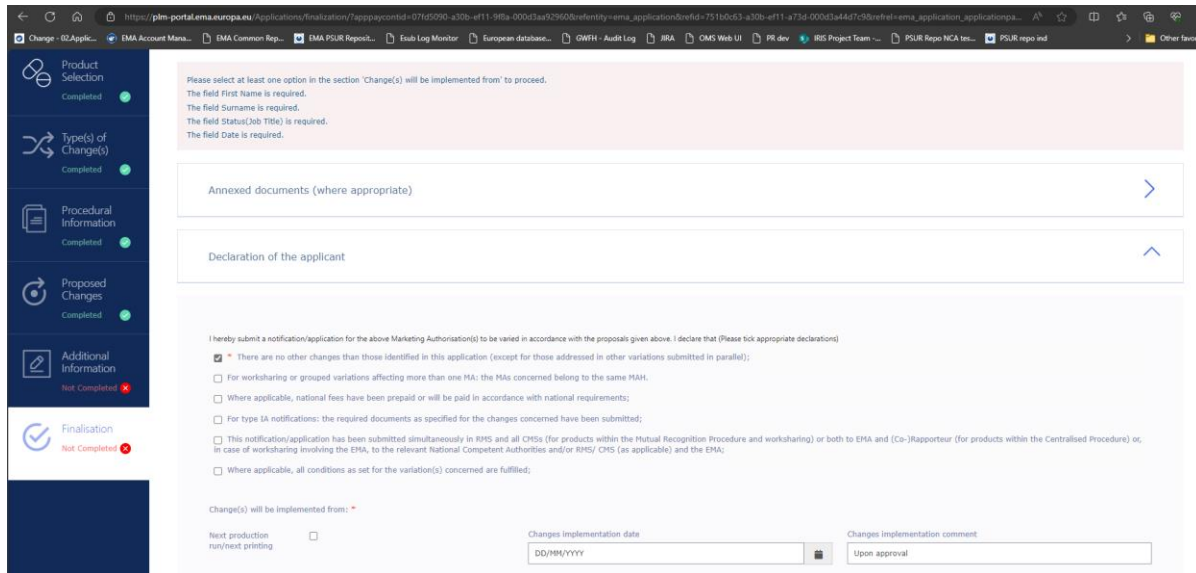
Product(s) you selected are no longer available. Please double-check your product selection is correct. For assistance, contact the EMA Service Desk.



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1

Red error messages in the web form for fields that have been filled in – simply ignore the error message and click the finalise button






In the “Proposed changes” section:

1

On the home page, under present and proposed – the categorisation under column ‘Recommended change(s)’ is misleading and can be ignored (it is not visible in the pdf export)

Present and Proposed Changes 

Please add a Present and Proposed change for each Scope and Medicinal Product combination. A product area will be recommended based on your scope selection. In addition to free text / Organisation changes, please check if structured product data needs to be updated.

Proposed Change Search

<input type="checkbox"/> Product MA Number(s) ↑	Scope(s)	Recommended Change(s)	Proposed Change(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> EU/1/17/1235	C.I.6.a - Variation Type II - 1	Pharmacotherapeutic Group (ATC)	Text / Org. Changes <input type="button" value="v"/>



There may be some inactive locations available in sections where only active locations can be selected

1

For example, the MAH contact person and 'proposed' organisation in present and proposed must always be an 'active location'

2

It appears that some organisations that have been marked 'inactive' in OMS are appearing as 'active' in the eAF. Also, organisations that have been marked inactive are not available in the 'present' field of the eAF where inactive organisations can be selected

3

Please pay very careful attention when selecting locations to ensure that only active locations are selected to avoid any business validation issues



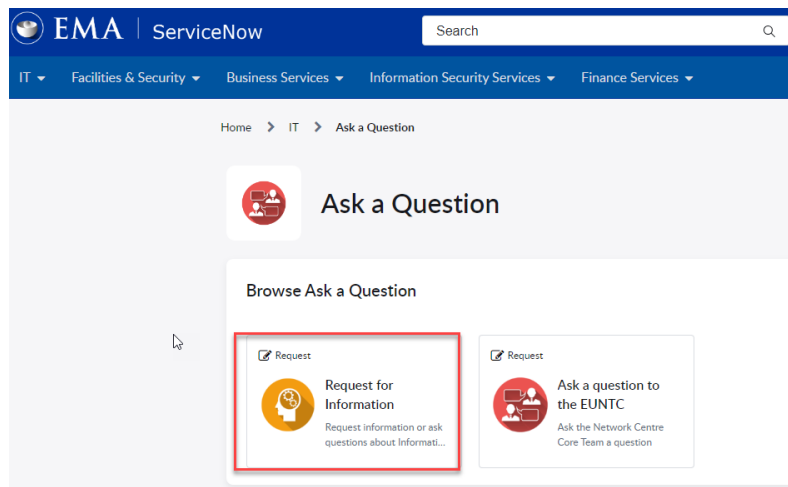
The 'Other applications' function doesn't work as expected

- 1 Only Type II variations and line extensions from SIAMED are currently displayed
- 2 If 'other application' is selected from the list and the selected 'medicinal product' is changed this section is not 'cleared' automatically, the incorrect 'other application' number will remain in the field.



Try to determine whether the problem is:

- 1 **Data** issue (active substance is incorrect, package missing):
 1. Check **XEVMPD**
 2. If the issue cannot be fixed in XEVMP – raise ticket and select 'Report an issue with **PMS**' and sub category (do not select PLM Portal or eAF)





Try to determine whether the problem is:

- 2 SPOR** issue (e.g. active substance missing, incorrect address in OMS):
 1. Select the relevant SPOR service, e.g. RMS for missing terms, SMS for missing substances/excipients, OMS for address issues you cannot fix yourself (do not select PLM Portal or eAF)

*Service

*Service Offering

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OMS

PMS

RMS

SMS

SPOR Registration

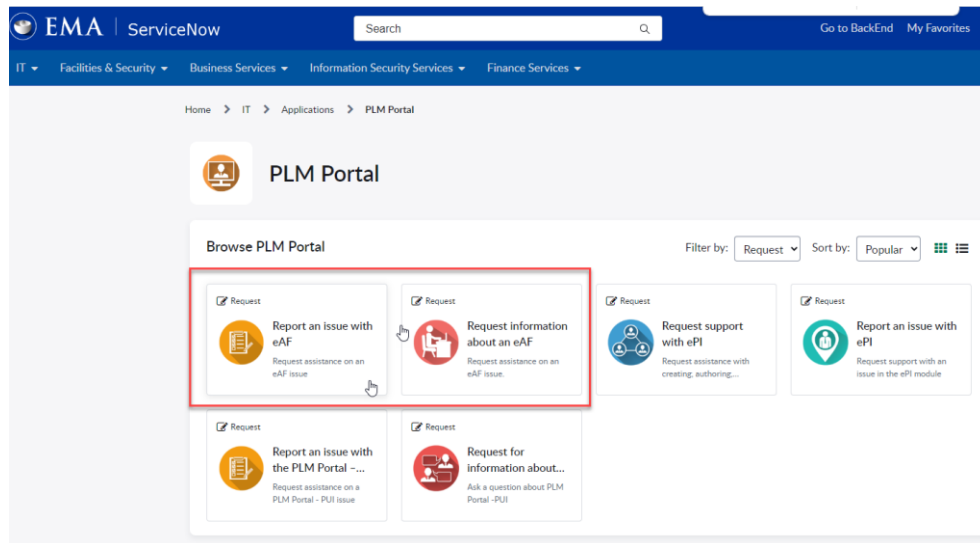
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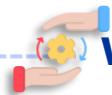
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Try to determine whether the problem is:

- 3 Technical issue with eAF** (e.g. export not working or cannot find the correct scope or incorrect business rule)
 - For PLM Portal web based eAF select PLM Portal and try to select the correct category





What has changed

- Package description column provides information helping identification of the package content
- Package ID column renamed on the 'Packaged Medicinal Product' level
- Product names of all products have changed
- Number of medicinal products (approx. 130) have gone through a 'split' protocol where for example 1 medicinal product 'solution for injection' has been split to 2 or more medicinal products



Next steps

- Strongly **recommended** to start using the PLM Portal web based eAF **for all CAPs' variations** (where possible in the view of the known limitations) from **14 May 2024**
- **'Add package'** feature will be available soon
- We are **fixing the known issues** mentioned earlier and we are also focusing on **performance improvements** to enhance the user experience
- **New PLM Portal Home page** will be launched on **31 May 2024**

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