Site Quality Self-Assessment

based on

Rx-360 Supplier Assessment Questionnaire

Module 2, Site Specific Information

Relevant for

Merck Chimie SAS
10 Avenue de Lattre de Tassigny
69330 Meyzieu, France
An affiliate of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany

The site self-assessment covers our quality management system for the following non-regulated applications:
- Design, development, manufacturing and distribution of polymer microspheres

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Information

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Rx-360 Supplier Assessment Questionnaire : Site-Specific Information

☐ Please check here if additional documents are attached.

SECTION 1. General Site Information	
1.1	Site or Facility-Specific Name: Merck Chimie SAS (Estapor) An affiliate of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany
1.2	Address: Merck Chimie SAS, 10 Avenue Marechal de Lattre de Tassigny, 69330, Meyzieu, France, An affiliate of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany GPS Coordinates: 45.7783365 Latitude , 5.0264597 Longitude
1.3	Phone: +33 (0)4 72 45 10 00
1.4	Email: Please contact your local Sales representative
1.5	Fax: +33 (0)4 72 45 10 16
1.6	Website: www.sigmaaldrich.com

SECTION 2. General Site Operating Information	
2.1	What year did the site start operating? 2016
2.2	What is the primary activity of the site? (e.g. manufacturing, distribution, etc.) Design, development, manufacturing and distribution of polymer microspheres.
2.3	To which, if any, subdivision of the parent company does the site belong? Life Science Division of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany

SECTION 2. General Site Operating Information		
2.4	Size of site (in sq. ft. or m.): 1100m2	
2.5	Please list or attach the normal hours/schedule of the facilities, including shutdown dates (if applicable): Production hours: 06:00 - 20:00 Office hours : 08:00 - 17:00 No shutdown.	
2.6	Total number of employees on site: 19	
2.7	Total number of employees in Quality: 6	
2.8	Total number of employees in Manufacturing: 8	
2.9	What quality management system is utilized on site? ☒ ISO 9001 ☐ ISO 13485 ☐ 21 CFR Part 210/211 ☐ 21 CFR Part 820 ☐ European GMP, Eudralex Volume 4 Part I ☐ European GMP, Eudralex Volume 4 Part II ☐ ICH Q7 ☐ HACCP ☐ ISO 22000 ☐ Other Please describe: ISO 14001, ISO 45001 Which Regulatory Initiatives does the site follow/comply with? ☒ REACH ☐ RoHs ☐ Ca Prop. 65 ☐ WEEE	
2.10	Does the company/site have an export license?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

SECTION 2. General Site Operating Information		
2.11	Is the site registered with any government regulatory agency (FDA registration, GMP certification, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A If yes, please specify. Estapor products are non-regulated materials	
2.12	By whom is the site inspected (regulatory or third party) and list inspections within the last three years: DQS	
2.13	How often, as an annual average, is the site audited by customers or third parties? 2	
2.14	Has an Rx-360 audit been performed at this site? ☐ Yes ☒ No Please also state the date of the audit if applicable. http://rx-360.org/audit-programs/	
2.15	Are you willing to have Rx-360 conduct an audit on behalf of your customers according to the Rx-360 audit programs on your site? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
2.16	Are you willing to have your customers conduct audits on your site? ☒ Yes ☐ No	
2.17	Please list regulatory sanctions impacting the site within the last five years (i.e. warning letters, CEP suspension, import alerts, etc.): N/A	
2.18	Does the site outsource any quality-related activity? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If answering yes, please specify the activities: 1 Quality Control test	
2.19	Please check the supplier controls in place for this facility:	
2.19a	Quality Agreements with Suppliers	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A
2.19b	Subcontractor Qualification/Audit Program	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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2.19c	Periodic Review of Supplier Performance	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
2.19d	Supplier Feedback Program	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
2.19e	Approved Material Supplier List	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
2.19f	Approved Service Supplier List	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Additional comments: N/A				

SECTION 3. Objectionable Materials on Site				
3.1	Does the site or production plant produce, process or store any of the following:	**Yes**	**No**	**Not Applicable**
3.1a	Beta-Lactam Antibiotics	☐	☒	☐
3.1b	Steroids and/or hormones	☐	☒	☐
3.1c	High potency compounds	☐	☒	☐
3.1d	Materials of animal origin/Biologics	☐	☒	☐
3.1e	Live virus or micro-organism	☐	☒	☐
3.1f	Allergens	☐	☒	☐
3.1g	Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)	☐	☒	☐
3.1h	Agrochemicals (Pesticides, Herbicides, Fungicides, etc.)	☐	☒	☐
3.1i	Other (Please specify): N/A			

SECTION 4. Cross Contamination Control				
4.1	Are any of the following cross-contamination controls in place?	**Yes**	**No**	**Not Applicable**
4.1a	Dedicated Facilities	☒	☐	☐
4.1b	Access Controls	☒	☐	☐
4.1c	Dedicated Personnel	☒	☐	☐
4.1d	Dedicated Gowning	☒	☐	☐
4.1e	Procedural Controls	☒	☐	☐
4.1f	Other (please specify): N/A			
Additional Comments: N/A				

SECTION 5. Site Operating Policies				
5.1	Does the site utilize the following written policies, programs, or procedures?			
Site Specific:		**Yes**	**No**	**Not Applicable**
5.1a	Environmental, Health, and Safety	☒	☐	☐
5.1b	Facility Environmental Control Policy	☒	☐	☐
5.1c	General Facility Cleaning Procedures	☒	☐	☐
5.1d	Hygiene and Sterilization Procedures	☒	☐	☐
5.1e	Validated Equipment Cleaning Procedures	☐	☒	☐
5.1f	Preventative Maintenance Program/Procedures	☒	☐	☐
5.1g	Pest Control Program	☒	☐	☐
5.1h	Master Production Procedure	☒	☐	☐
Quality:				
5.1i	Quality Control/Quality Management Policy	☒	☐	☐
5.1j	Quality Manual	☒	☐	☐
5.1k	Periodic Product Quality Review	☒	☐	☐
5.1l	Master Validation Plan	☐	☒	☐
5.1m	Risk Assessment Program	☒	☐	☐
5.1n	Supplier Approval Procedure	☒	☐	☐
5.1o	Monitoring and Review of Approved Suppliers	☒	☐	☐
5.1p	Mechanism to Reduce Testing	☐	☒	☐
5.1q	Receiving Incoming Inspection	☒	☐	☐
5.1r	Change Control Procedures	☒	☐	☐
5.1s	Document Management Policy	☒	☐	☐
5.1t	Document Retention Policy	☒	☐	☐
5.1u	Change Notification Procedures for Clients	☒	☐	☐
5.1v	Control of Nonconforming Material	☒	☐	☐
5.1w	Deviation/Investigation Procedure	☒	☐	☐
5.1x	Out of Specification Policy and Procedure	☒	☐	☐
5.1y	Sampling Procedure/Sampling Plan	☒	☐	☐
5.1z	Raw Material Retention Program	☐	☒	☐
5.1aa	CAPA Procedure	☒	☐	☐
5.1bb	Label Control and Accountability	☒	☐	☐
5.1cc	Product Release Procedure	☒	☐	☐
5.1dd	Employee Training Program	☒	☐	☐
5.1ee	Stability, Expiration, and Shelf-Life Program	☒	☐	☐
5.1ff	Product Retention Program	☐	☐	☒
5.1gg	Recall Procedure	☐	☐	☒
5.1hh	Customer Complaint Handling	☒	☐	☐
5.1ii	Equipment validation/qualification procedure	☒	☐	☐

SECTION 5. Site Operating Policies				
		Yes	**No**	**Not Applicable**
5.1jj	Internal audit/self-inspection program procedure	☒	☐	☐
5.1kk	Site Security/Site Access Control Policies	☒	☐	☐
5.1ll	New Hire Program/Induction Program	☒	☐	☐
Business Continuity/Contingency Plan:				
5.1mm	Disaster Recovery Plan	☒	☐	☐
5.1nn	Pandemic Preparedness Plan	☒	☐	☐
5.1oo	Supply Chain Emergency Preparedness Plan	☒	☐	☐
5.1pp	Business Continuity/Contingency Plan	☒	☐	☐
5.1qq	Can the company provide a plan upon request? OR provide a short description below: BCP may be reviewed during an on-site audit, subject to prior signature of a non-disclosure agreement.			

SECTION 6. Quality Assurance and Production				
		Yes	**No**	**Not Applicable**
6.1	Does the site have an independent and defined Quality Assurance/Quality Management Division?	☒	☐	☐
6.2	Does QA/QM have authority over the following:			
6.2a	Policies and procedures?	☒	☐	☐
6.2b	Review of documentation for release?	☒	☐	☐
6.2c	Release or rejection of incoming materials?	☒	☐	☐
6.3	Does QA/QM investigate and resolve quality complaints?	☒	☐	☐
6.4	Does QA/QM investigate and resolve internal deviations?	☒	☐	☐
6.5	Does the QA/QM have the authority to assign a disposition to materials?	☒	☐	☐
6.6	Does the QA/QM review manufacturing and testing records prior to release?	☒	☐	☐
6.7	Does the facility utilize computerized systems for managing GxP activities or data?	☐	☐	☒
6.8	Are relevant computerized systems 21 CFR part 11 and EU GMP annex 11 compliant?	☐	☐	☒
6.9	Does the site use statistical methods for consistency and uniformity?	☐	☒	☐
6.10	Does the site use controlled documents for following and recording manufacturing instructions?	☒	☐	☐
6.11	Does the company qualify and/or validate manufacturing procedures?	☒	☐	☐

SECTION 6. Quality Assurance and Production				
		Yes	**No**	**Not Applicable**
6.12	Is any environmental monitoring conducted in production/finishing areas?	☒	☐	☐
6.13	Does the site supply BSE/TSE declarations?	☐	☐	☒
6.14	Does the site supply a declaration of Elemental Impurities?	☐	☐	☒
6.15	Are ICH Q3C solvents used in the manufacturing process of supplied materials?	☐	☒	☐
6.15a	If Yes, what class of solvent is used? N/A			
6.16	Are stability studies carried out according to ICH guidance?	☐	☐	☒
6.17	Are solvents and mother liquor reused/recycled?	☐	☒	☐
6.18	Does the site have a process water treatment system?	☒	☐	☐
6.18a	Please check all that apply to the system: ☒ City/potable water ☐ Distilled water ☒ Dionized water ☐ Water for injection (WFI) ☒ Reverse Osmosis ☐ Clean steam ☒ Ultra-filtrated water (purified water) ☐ Other: N/A			
6.19	Does the plant have a batch/lot system?	☒	☐	☐
6.19a	Is the system traceable?	☒	☐	☐
6.19b	Is it unique?	☒	☐	☐
6.19c	Is batch/lot manufacturing continuous?	☐	☒	☐
6.19d	Is manufacturing batch by batch?	☒	☐	☐
6.20	Does the site perform on-plant audits prior to approving critical GxP suppliers?	☐	☐	☒
6.21	Does the site audit critical GxP suppliers after initial approval?	☐	☐	☒
6.22	Does the site inspect incoming materials?	☒	☐	☐
6.23	Does the site test incoming materials to defined specifications?	☒	☐	☐
6.24	Does the site establish purchase specifications for raw materials?	☒	☐	☐
6.25	Is the equipment multi-use?	☒	☐	☐
6.26	Does the site qualify equipment installation?	☒	☐	☐
6.27	Does the site qualify equipment operation?	☒	☐	☐
6.28	Does the site qualify equipment performance?	☒	☐	☐
6.29	Are production critical use instruments calibrated regularly?	☒	☐	☐

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		Yes	No	Not Applicable
6.30	Is rework allowed?	☐	☒	☐
6.31	Is reprocessing allowed?	☒	☐	☐
6.32	Are manufacturing and packaging activities traceable to the equipment, areas, and materials used?	☒	☐	☐
6.33	Are production materials handled and stored in a manner to prevent degradation, contamination and cross-contamination?	☒	☐	☐
6.34	If answering 'not applicable' for any of the above, please elaborate:			
Additional Comments: 6.7 / 6.8 : GxP guidelines not applicable 6.13 / 6.14 : BSE/TSE and elemental impurity declarations are not supplied as standard but can be upon request. 6.16 : Estapor microspheres are a raw material for IVD devices. ICH guidelines are not applicable. 6.20 / 6.21 : GxP guidelines not applicable				

SECTION 7. Laboratory Procedures		☐ N/A for this Site		
		Yes	No	Not Applicable
7.1	Does the site have standard procedures for sample handling/tracking?	☒	☐	☐
7.1a	Does the site have standard procedures for retaining samples?	☐	☒	☐
7.1b	Does the site have standard procedures for re-testing samples?	☒	☐	☐
7.2	Does the site have written and approved specifications and test methods?	☒	☐	☐
7.3	Are laboratory instruments calibrated regularly?	☒	☐	☐
7.4	Is there a standard procedure in place for analytical method development?	☐	☒	☐
7.5	Does the site qualify and/or validate analytical test procedures?	☒	☐	☐
7.6	Does the site perform stability testing on materials and/or products?	☐	☒	☐
7.7	Are retention samples of key raw materials maintained?	☐	☒	☐
7.8	Are standards traceable to their preparation and reagents used?	☒	☐	☐

SECTION 7. Laboratory Procedures		☐ N/A for this Site		
		Yes	**No**	**Not Applicable**
7.9	Are retention samples of finished product maintained?	☐	☒	☐
7.10	Are shelf life/retest/expiration dates available and standardized?	☒	☐	☐
7.11	Does the company provide a certificate of analysis (CoA) and/or a Certificate of Conformation/Compliance (CoC) for each lot or batch?	☒	☐	☐
7.12	Does the CoA/CoC contain the manufacture name and location?	☒	☐	☐
7.13	Does the CoA/CoC signed/e-signed by a Quality representative?	☒	☐	☐
7.14	If a repacker performs analyses, will the CoA reflect both the original manufacturing site data as well as the repacking site data?	☐	☐	☒
7.15	If answering 'not applicable' for any of the above, please elaborate: 7.14: No repacking activites by third parties			
7.16	Additional Comments: N/A			

SECTION 8. Packaging, Storage, and Transport		☐ N/A for this Site		
		Yes	**No**	**Not Applicable**
8.1	Does the site have a validated or qualified labeling system?	☐	☒	☐
8.2	Are batch production records retained and available?	☒	☐	☐
8.3	Are packaging and labeling areas separate from production?	☒	☐	☐
8.4	Are barcode readers in use and challenged regularly?	☐	☒	☐
8.5	Are vision systems in use?	☒	☐	☐
8.6	Is product ever packaged without a label being initially applied (i.e. bright stocking)?	☐	☒	☐
8.7	Do labels include shelf life/expiration dates?	☐	☒	☐
8.8	Do labels include lot/batch number?	☒	☐	☐
8.9	Do labels include requirements for storage conditions?	☐	☒	☐
8.10	Is tamper evident seal used for each container of supplied materials?	☐	☒	☐
8.11	Does the company use a First-In-First-Out or First-Expiration-First-Out system?	☐	☐	☒

SECTION 8. Packaging, Storage, and Transport		☐ N/A for this Site		
		Yes	**No**	**Not Applicable**
8.12	Does the company maintain appropriate storage conditions?	☒	☐	☐
8.12a	Are those storage conditions monitored and documented?	☒	☐	☐
8.13	Does the site make available a description of storage and/or warehouse conditions?	☒	☐	☐
8.14	Does the site distribute products via a third party?	☐	☒	☐
8.15	Are good distribution policies implemented?	☐	☐	☒
8.16	Are transport mechanisms dedicated?	☐	☒	☐
8.17	Does the company validate shipping method?	☐	☒	☐
8.18	Does the company validate packaging methods?	☐	☒	☐
Additional Comments: 8.9: Storage instructions are provided inside the package. 8.11: Estapor polymer microspheres are a non-regulated material, no expiry date is required. 8.15: GxP practices non applicable.				

I (Supplier) confirm that the information provided in this questionnaire is correct and can be verified.

Date: 10th August 2023

Title: Estapor Quality Assurance Manager