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# Recommendations for Regional and Global Harmonization for Biotherapeutic Products

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**One World**



**One Regulatory Standard**

**Important steps have been  
made but many more to go**



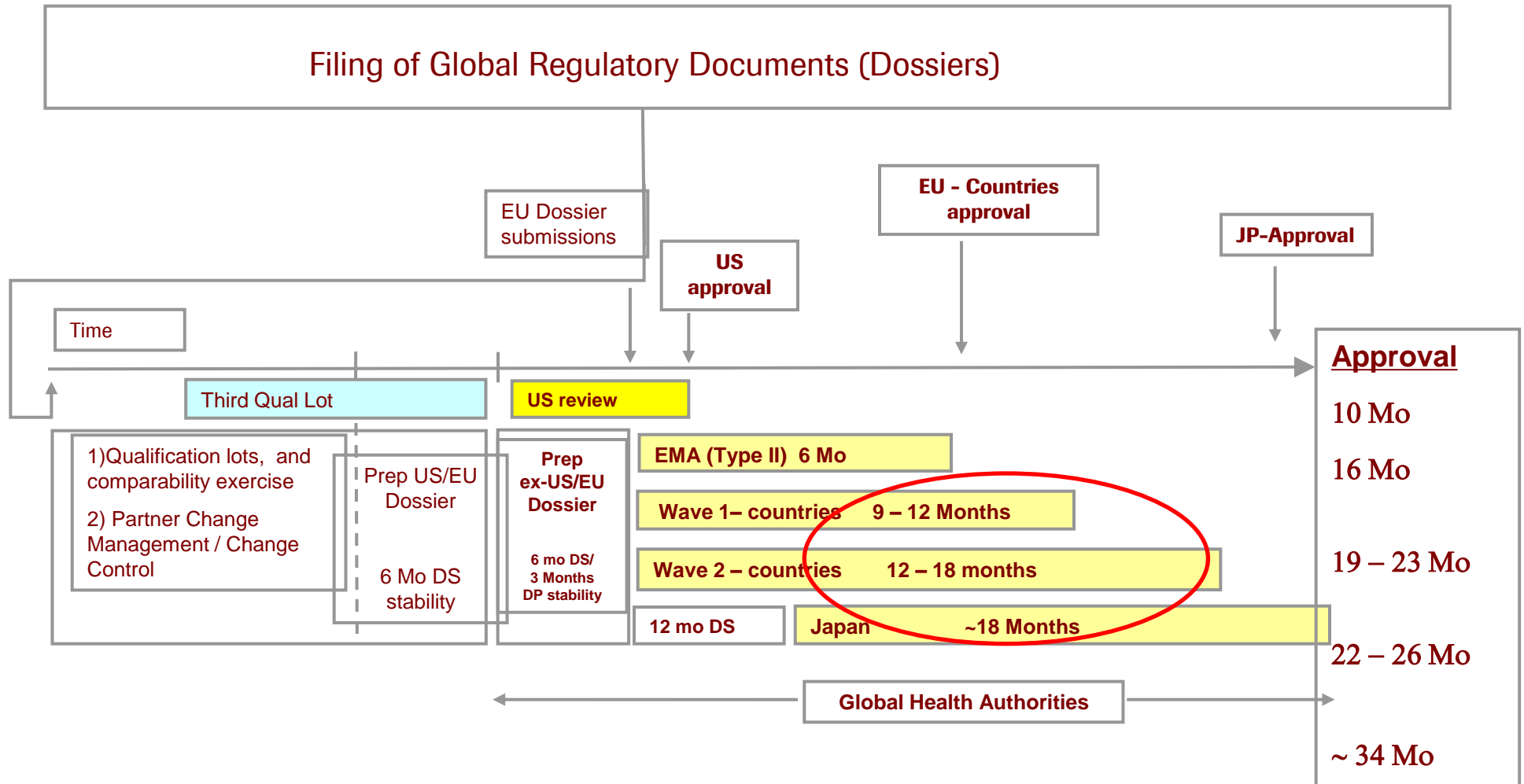
# **Recent landmarks/efforts for global/regional regulatory convergence (focus biotheapeutics)**

- ICH guidelines
- The WHO guidelines for SBPs and rDNA products
- PANDRH technical reports
- ASEAN guidelines

# **What are topics WHO/PAHO should engage to foster/encourage regional and global harmonization**

- Encourage the adoption ICH principles/guidelines relevant for biotech products and (pre-)clinical studies
- Establish guidelines for post -approval changes including change classification, data requirements and timelines (focus biotherapeutic products)
- Re-discuss purpose/use of CPPs for new registrations and certain technical changes

# Making changes globally is complex and lengthy (*Biologics Example*)



**Will take 3 years and more for global approval of a process process change!**

# What are topics WHO/PAHO should engage to foster/encourage regional and global harmonization

- Develop recommendations/agreements on
  - Removal of redundant in-country testing requirements
  - Mutual recognition of GMP inspections
  - Transparency of regulatory decisions
- Engage in NRA capacity/training issues recognized
  - Encourage trainings and leverage more industry experience
  - Encourage common reviews of regulatory dossiers
  - Prepare «living» Q&A documents accompanying global/regional guidelines/recommendations
  - Participate and engage more in regional conferences

**Thank You !**



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