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Hello in Autumn!

With the arrival of autumn, a very active work season has also begun, and we share all the updates in the latest LZVO Newsletter. In this issue, colleagues from the Swedish verification organization e-VIS share their interesting and useful experience. Important news from Latvia includes updates to the LZVS system and interface. There's also interesting news from Europe – while Northern Ireland is leaving the verification system, Italy and Greece are joining it.

Wishing success!

Inese Erdmane, Chairwoman of the Board at the LZVO

LZVS will be updated to new release 5.0 on October 16

The Latvian Medicines Verification System (LZVS) will be updated to release 5.0 on October 16. The installation of the release is scheduled for overnight starting at 21:00, during which temporary interruptions in system operation are possible. The new release introduces significant changes for end users - the existing interface v4 which is there since May 2022, will be removed. Further on only connection towards will be possible using interface version v5 which bring several new features compared to its older versions.

More https://lzvo.lv/en/aktualitates/lzvs-wil-be-updated-to-new-release-5-on-october-16

Reflecting on 5 years of FMD in Sweden. Can we have more confidence in the medicines supply chain now?

Kristina von Sydow, General Manager, e-VIS

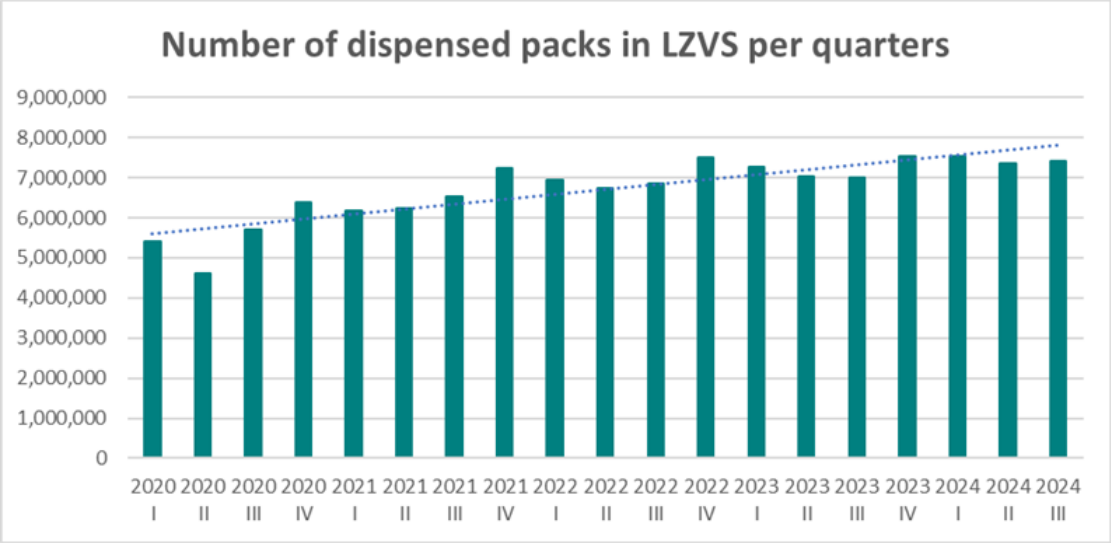
Five years has passed since Sweden and the rest of Europe implemented FMD. Almost all prescriptions in Sweden are electronic since many years. The pharmacies in Sweden have since a long time been connected to

national databases and been dependant on complex IT-systems in their dispensing process. Another important prerequisite for implementation of FMD and electronic prescription is that Sweden has had a well-functioning national product register where end-users can retrieve product data, such as product codes and if the product must have safety features or not. Thanks to this matureness when it comes to IT- implementation and use of IT in the dispensing process the implementation in Sweden went relatively easy.

More https://lzvo.lv/en/aktualitates/Reflecting-on-5-years-of-FMD-in-sweden

Performance indicators of the Latvian Medicines Verification System in the first three quarters

In the third quarter of 2024, a total of 28 million transactions were carried out in the Latvian Medicines Verification System (LZVS). After the final verification, slightly more than 7.4 million medicine packages were supplied to citizens in Latvia. In the nine months of 2024, a total of 86 million transactions were recorded in the LZVS, and after the final inspection, around 22 million medicine packages reached the citizens.



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End User Actions When Receiving a System Notification About NMVS_NC_PC_01

The Latvian Medicines Verification Organization (LZVO) provides guidance on the actions to be taken by the end user when the system displays an NMVS_NC_PC_01 (Unknown product) error notification with the package status "UNKNOWN" during the verification process of a medicine package, but no alert is generated.

Morehttps://lzvo.lv/en/aktualitates/End_User_Actions_When_Receiving_a_System_Notification_About_NMVS_NC_PC_01

From 1 January 2025, Northern Ireland will fully withdraw from the European Medicines Verification System

From that date, new rules on the labelling and packaging of medicines will come into effect across the United Kingdom, including Northern Ireland, under the Windsor Framework. These rules will prohibit prescription medicines in Northern Ireland from being labelled with European Union (EU) safety features. The requirements of the EU Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD) for medicines marketed and supplied in Northern Ireland will no

longer apply. All medicines supplied to the UK market, including Northern Ireland, must be labelled "UK Only" from this date and must not be sold into the EU.

More https://lzvo.lv/en/aktualitates/From-J-January-2025-Northern-Ireland-will-fully-withdraw-from-the-European-Medicines-Verification-System

Italy and Greece will implement the European Verification System in February 2025

Italy and Greece are the two countries that were granted the longest transition period of 6 years for the implementation of the Falsified Medicines Directive. Accordingly, from February 9, 2025, the European Medicines Verification System must also be operational in these countries, where active preparations are currently underway. The extended transition periods in both countries are related to the fact that they already have existing national-level medicine safety verification systems that need to be adapted to comply with the Directive's requirements.

More https://lzvo.lv/en/aktualitates/italy-and-greece-will-implement-the-european-verification-system-in-february-2025

Study supporting the report on trends in the falsification of medicinal products and measures provided according to Directive 2011/62/EU

Article 3 of the Falsified Medicines Directive requires the Commission to present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the following:

- a description, where possible including quantitative data, of the trends in the falsification of medicinal products in terms of categories of medicinal products affected, distribution channels including sale at a distance to the public by means of information society services, the Member States concerned, the nature of the falsifications, and the regions of provenance of these products; and
- an evaluation of the contribution of the measures provided for in this Directive regarding the prevention of the entry of falsified medicinal products in the legal supply chain.

More https://lzvo.lv/en/aktualitates/Study-supporting-the-report-on-trends-in-the-falsification-of-medicinal-products

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