

The background image shows a man with glasses, wearing a white lab coat over a green sweater and a light-colored shirt, working with a piece of electronic equipment. He is in a warehouse or distribution center, with tall metal shelving units filled with boxes and containers visible in the background. A large green diagonal shape is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text.

# Guaranteed quality in pharmaceuticals distribution

GDP product sheet



Manufacturers of pharmaceutical products are required to demonstrate transparency and full traceability throughout the supply chain. The good distribution practice (GDP) guidelines support pharmaceutical companies with this task and provide a uniform standard for the assessment of quality at the same time. Prove the assured quality in your company with GDP certification.

### Objective of GDP certification

The “Good Distribution Practice of Medicinal Products for Human Use” (GDP) contains guidelines for the correct and, above all else, safe handling of medicinal products. Such guidelines were published for the first time in 1994 and have been continuously adapted to the medical, technical and economic changes and developments ever since. The GDPs published by the European Commission entered into effect in 2013.

The guidelines have two main objectives: On the one hand, they are designed to prevent falsified medicines from entering legal supply chains and, on the other hand, they are designed to ensure the associated control of the distribution chain and to maintain the quality of medicinal products.

## Contents of the GDP guidelines

The GDP guidelines cover various areas of the pharmaceutical value chain. This helps ensure a comprehensive and holistic quality of the pharmaceutical products. Among others, the guidelines contain the following chapters: quality management, personnel, operations, complaints, recalls of medicinal products, outsourced activities, self-inspections and special provisions for brokers.

## GDP certification in just a few steps

1. Project Meeting
2. On-site GDP audit and documents review
3. Audit report and assessment
4. Certificate and seal
5. Surveillance audit
6. Recertification

**Are you interested in obtaining GDP certification?**  
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## Benefits of GDP certification for our customers



**Identification as a reliable partner in the supply chain**



**Savings in labor costs by simplifying the provision of individual verification**



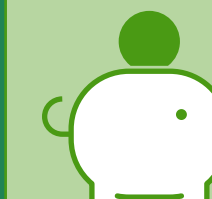
**Worldwide market access through internationally recognized certificates**



**Avoidance of counterfeit medicines**



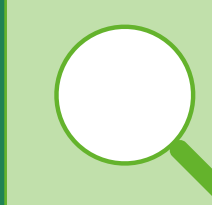
**Faster official authorization procedures**



**Long-term cost savings**



**Safeguarding the manufacturing quality of GDP medicinal products**



**Objective review of own quality management**

### Other services you can benefit from

You can also have other quality, environmental and safety management systems certified by us, for example, in accordance with **ISO 9001** and **ISO 45001**, as well as combinations of the above. Our wide-ranging portfolio offers you the right certification! The DEKRA Group also offers you the following services:

- ▶ Assessments regarding compliance with specific rules
- ▶ Personal certifications
- ▶ Product tests and certification

### Excellence – the DEKRA seal



Add an exclamation mark that stands for the highest quality and reliability – across all industries and internationally. The DEKRA seal is an excellent way to promote your company's image, a marketing tool and a way to stand out from the competition. In this way, you can show your customers and business partners that your service is worth their time and money. We will be happy to assist you.

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