

Dear Sir or Madam,

Today we would like to inform you about the latest press release from securPharm e.V., the provider of the German National Medicines Verification System.

In January, the European Medicines Verification Organisation (**EMVO**), providing the EU hub in the network of safety systems against falsified medicines, has announced that **by the end of June 2018** at the latest, the remaining pharmaceutical companies who have not yet connected to the system must have started the contractual and technical connection to the system as this is the only way to ensure a functional connection by the deadline for implementation on 9 February 2019.

Since in Germany, 228 pharmaceutical companies have already connected to the National Verification System **securPharm**, the timeline is not as tight. securPharm has announced that for connection to the German system, contract closures **up to 30 September 2018** will be sufficient in order to ensure a functional connection by the deadline for implementation on 9 February 2019.

The official press release can be found at <http://www.securpharm.de/en/for-the-press/press-releases.html>.

From 9 February 2019 on, pharmaceutical companies may only release prescription drugs that bear an individual serial number as well as an anti-tampering device. However, pharmaceuticals released prior to that date may still be dispensed without the safety features until their expiry date.

Best regards

The DiaMed team