

# REGULATION OF OTC MEDICINES IN MALAYSIA



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# Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Registration Process & Timelines
- Challenges



# INTRODUCTION

# REGISTRABLE PRODUCTS / MEDICINES

Pharmaceuticals

Complementary

Human

Veterinar

Traditional  
Medicines

Health  
Supplements

New Drugs

Generics

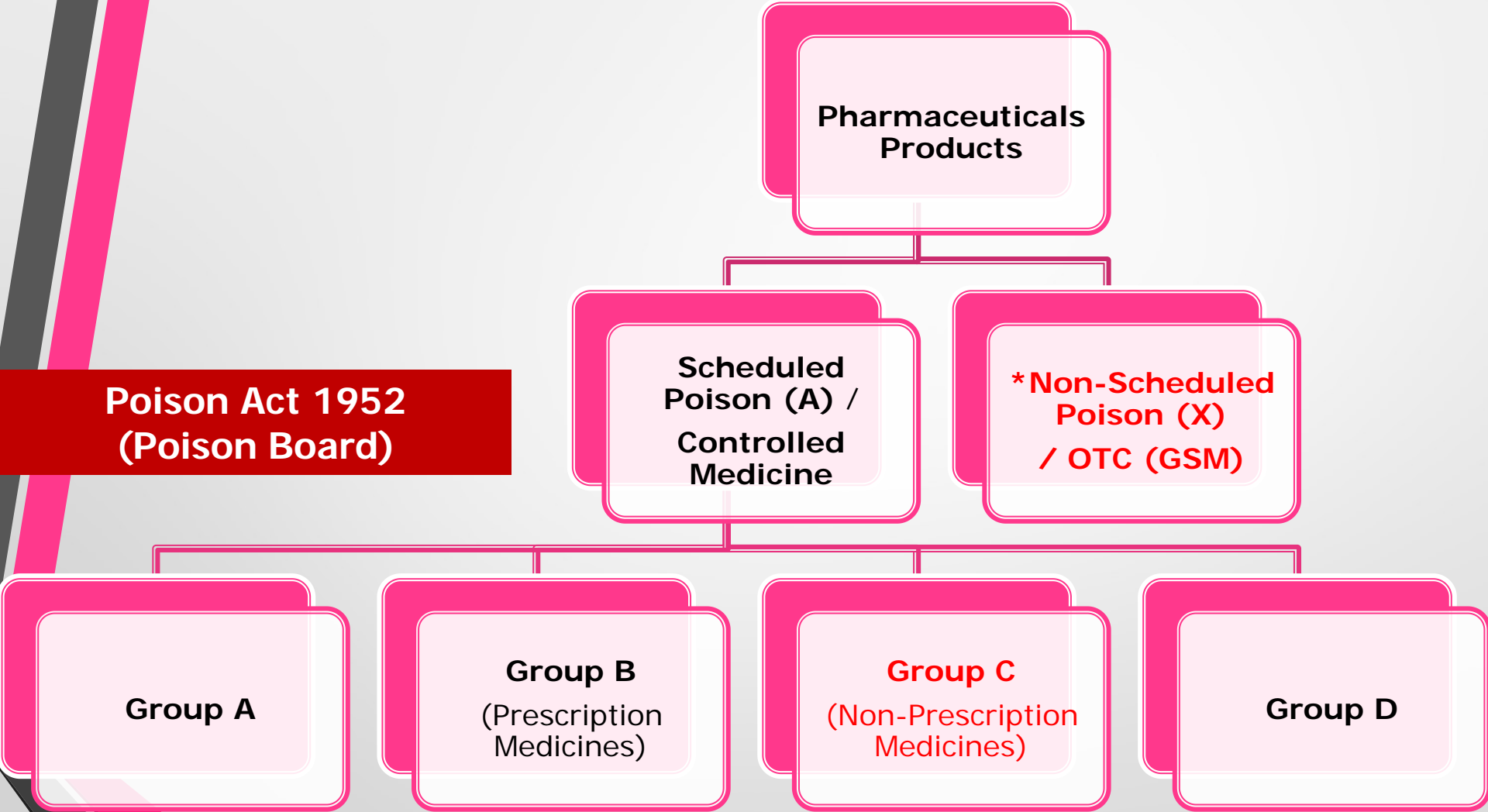
Biologicals

New Drugs

Generics

**CDCR 1984  
(DCA, NPRA as secretariat)**

**Poison Act 1952  
(Poison Board)**



OTC : Over-the-Counter Medicine  
GSM : General Sale Medicine

# Poisons Act 1952 (revised 1989)

## LAWS OF MALAYSIA

### ACT 366

### POISONS ACT 1952 (REVISED - 1989)

*Incorporating latest amendment - P.U.(A) 52/2009*

First enacted :	1952 (Ord. No. 29 of 1952)
Date of coming into operation :	West Malaysia--1 September 1952; East Malaysia-1 June 1978
Revised up to :	1989 (Act 366 w.e.f. 13 April 1989)

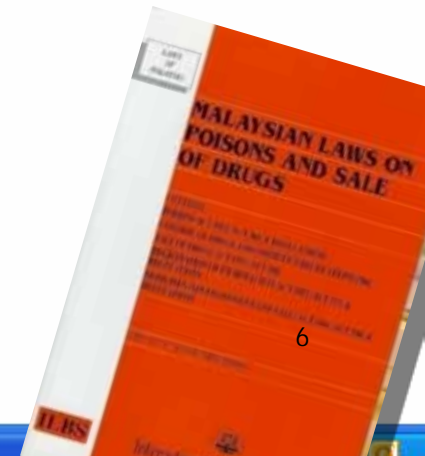
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### ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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#### Long Title

- Section 1. Short title and application.
- Section 2. Interpretation.
- Section 3. Establishment of Poisons Board.
- Section 4. Proceedings of Board.
- Section 5. Powers of Boards to regulate proceedings.
- Section 6. Power of Minister to amend Poisons List.
- Section 7. Application of the Act.
- Section 8. Control of imports of poisons.



# First Schedule, Poisons List

## "FIRST SCHEDULE

### POISONS LIST

#### [Section 2]

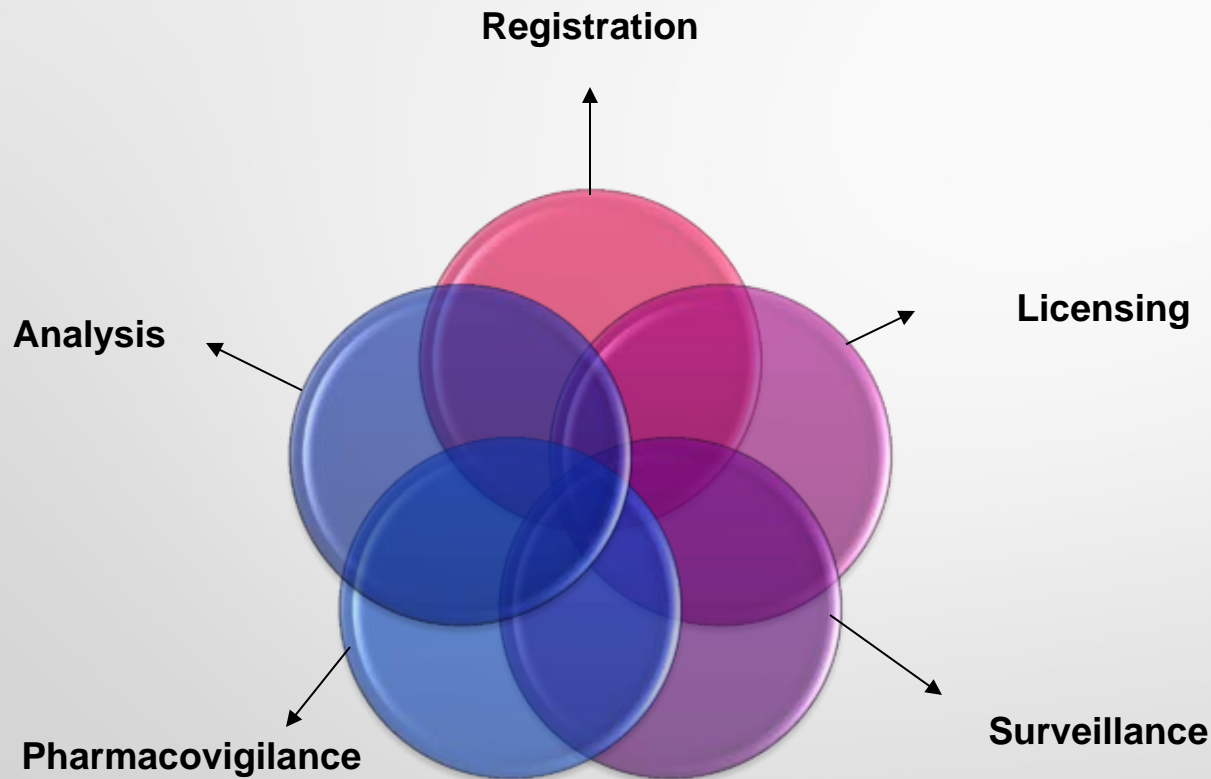
Names	Part I				Part II	Exempt
	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D		
Abacavir; its salts	-	All preparations				
Abatacept	-	All preparations				
Abciximab	-	All preparations				
Abiraterone	-	All preparations				
Ambrisentan	-	All preparations				
Acarbose	-	-	All preparations			
Acebutolol; its salts	-	-				
Acepylline	-	-	All preparations			
Acetanilide; alkylacetanilides	-	All preparations unless exempted	-	-	-	Preparations not for the internal treatment of human ailments
Acetazolamide	-	All preparations				
Acetic anhydride	-	-	-	All preparations		
Acetohexamide	-	-	All preparations			
N-acetylanthranilic acid	-	-	-	-	All preparations	
Acetyl bromide	-	-	-	All preparations		
Acetyl chloride	-	-	-	All preparations		
Acetylcarbromal	-	-	All preparations			
Acetylcholine; its salts	-	All preparations				
Acitretin	-	All preparations				
Acyclovir	-	All preparations except those in Group C	Preparations containing not more than 5% w/w of Acyclovir for topical use			

Classification	Definition
<p><b>Scheduled Poison (A) / Controlled Medicine</b></p>	<p>Pharmaceutical products which contain scheduled poison(s) as <b>listed</b> in the First Schedule under the Poisons Act 1952  Eg biologicals, new drugs, scheduled-poison generics ie antibiotics, antihypertensives, antidiabetics</p>
<p><b>Non-Scheduled Poison (X) / OTC</b>  * GSM</p>	<p>Products containing active ingredients which are <b>not listed</b> in the First Schedule under Poisons Act 1952; and is <b>excluding</b> active ingredient which is categorised under health supplements or natural products or cosmetics.  Can be freely obtained from any retailer (general sale)  Eg analgesic drugs (paracetamol), topical antiseptics, sore throat prep, laxatives, anti acne</p>



Classification	Definition
<b>Group A Poison</b>	High toxicity medicines. Eg alclofenac, amidopyrine, avoparcin
<b>Group B Poison (POM, Rx Only)</b>	Used in treatment where the doctor's diagnosis is needed to recognize the symptoms Can be dispensed only against <b>prescription</b> Eg Nifedipine, olanzapine, ramipril
<b>Group C Poison / Non Prescription</b>	Used in treatment where the symptoms are easily recognized Can be dispensed <b>without prescription</b> Eg ibuprofen, piroxicam, mefenamic acid
<b>Group D Poison</b>	Chemicals for laboratory Eg cetyl chloride, ethylidene diacetate, methyl bromide

# Regulatory Control of Medicines in Malaysia (NPRA)





# Registration Process

# Registration Road Map

## NEW PRODUCTS

### BIOTECHNOLOGY



### VETERINARY MEDICINE



### ACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS



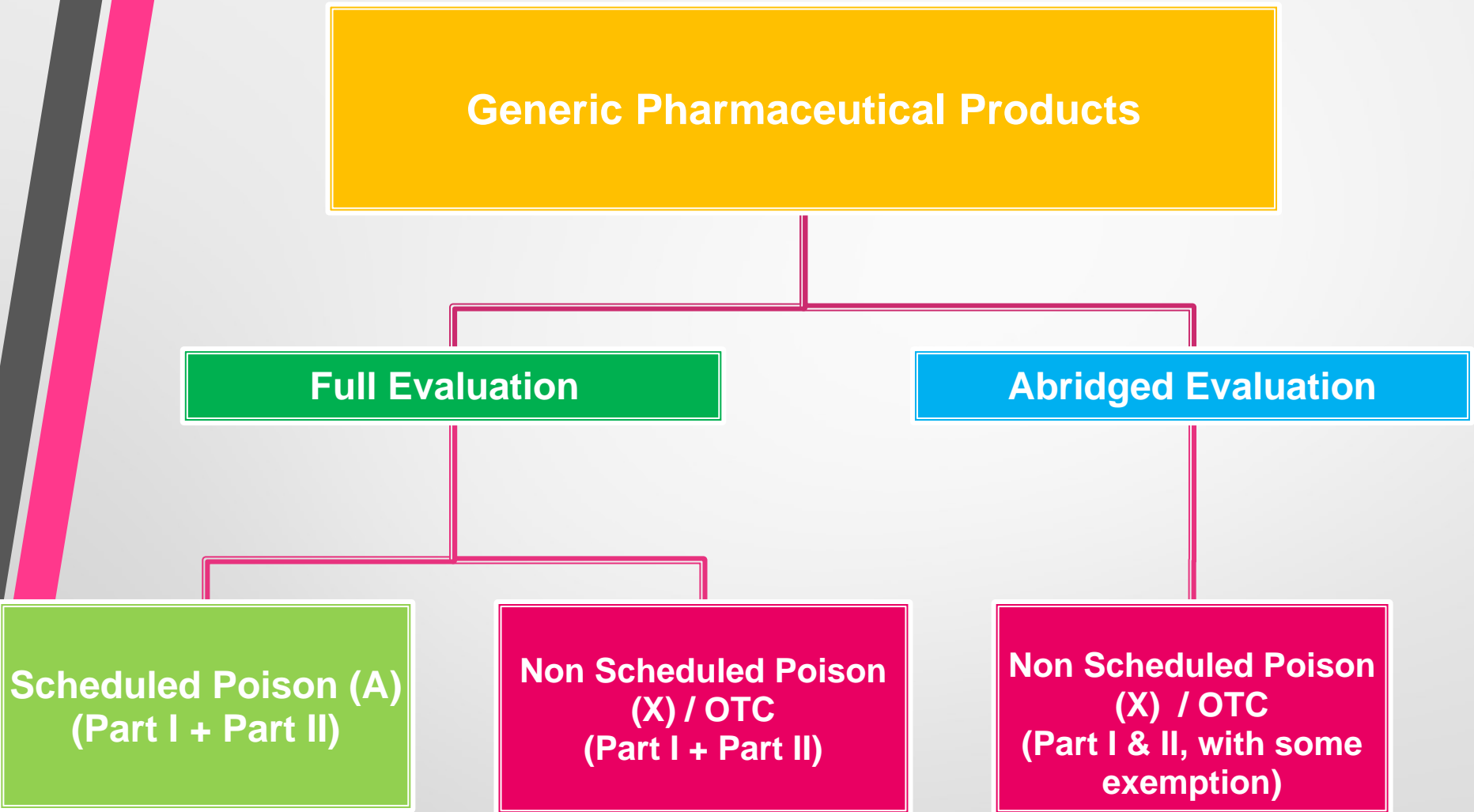
	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6
Registration	Aug 1985 (Scheduled Poison)	1988 (Non-scheduled Poison)	Jan 1992 (Traditional Medicine)	Feb 2002 (Cosmetics)	Aug 2007 (Veterinary)	Jan 2012 (API)
Licensing	May 1987	1992	Manufacturer Importers Jan 1999	Jan 2004	1 July 2012*	No licensing Requirements as regulation of API is linked to products
Surveillance	1990	1995	Wholesalers July 2002 Surveillance 2000	2005	(to be announced)	(to be announced)

2004 : HS removed from OTC

1/1/2008 : Registration of cosmetics replaced by notification

1/7/2012 : All manufacturer shall certified for GMP

# Types of Generic Applications



\* Control of API & BABE Report requirement (for other than MR dosage forms) has not been implemented for OTC Full Evaluation products, as compared to Scheduled Poison products

# Non-Scheduled Poison Products (X)



## Full Evaluation

All products other than the listed categories under Abridged Evaluation



\* Generally dosage forms other than external (skin) and locally-acting dosage forms eg. oral , parenteral, rectal, vaginal, ocular, otic etc.

## Abridged Evaluation

1. Antiseptics/ skin disinfectants
2. Locally-acting lozenges/ pastilles
3. Topical analgesic/ counter-irritants
4. Topical nasal decongestants
5. Emollient/ demulcent/ skin protectants
6. Keratolytics
7. Anti-dandruff
8. Oral care
9. Anti-acne
10. Medicated plasters/ patch/ pad
11. Topical antibacterial

\* Generally external (skin) and locally-acting dosage forms eg. creams, ointments, lozenges, pastilles (relatively lower risk compared to OTC Full Evaluation)

# NPRA Fees & Timeline

Product Categories	Fees (RM)	Timeline (working days)
<b>Generics, Scheduled Poison (A), Full Evaluation</b>	2200 (single API) 3000 (combination API)	210
<b>Generics, Non-Scheduled Poison (X), Full Evaluation</b>	2200 (single API) 3000 (combination API)	210
<b>Generics, Non-Scheduled Poison (X), Abridged Evaluation</b>	2200 (single API) 3000 (combination API)	116 (single API) 136 (combination API)

# Flowchart of Registration Process

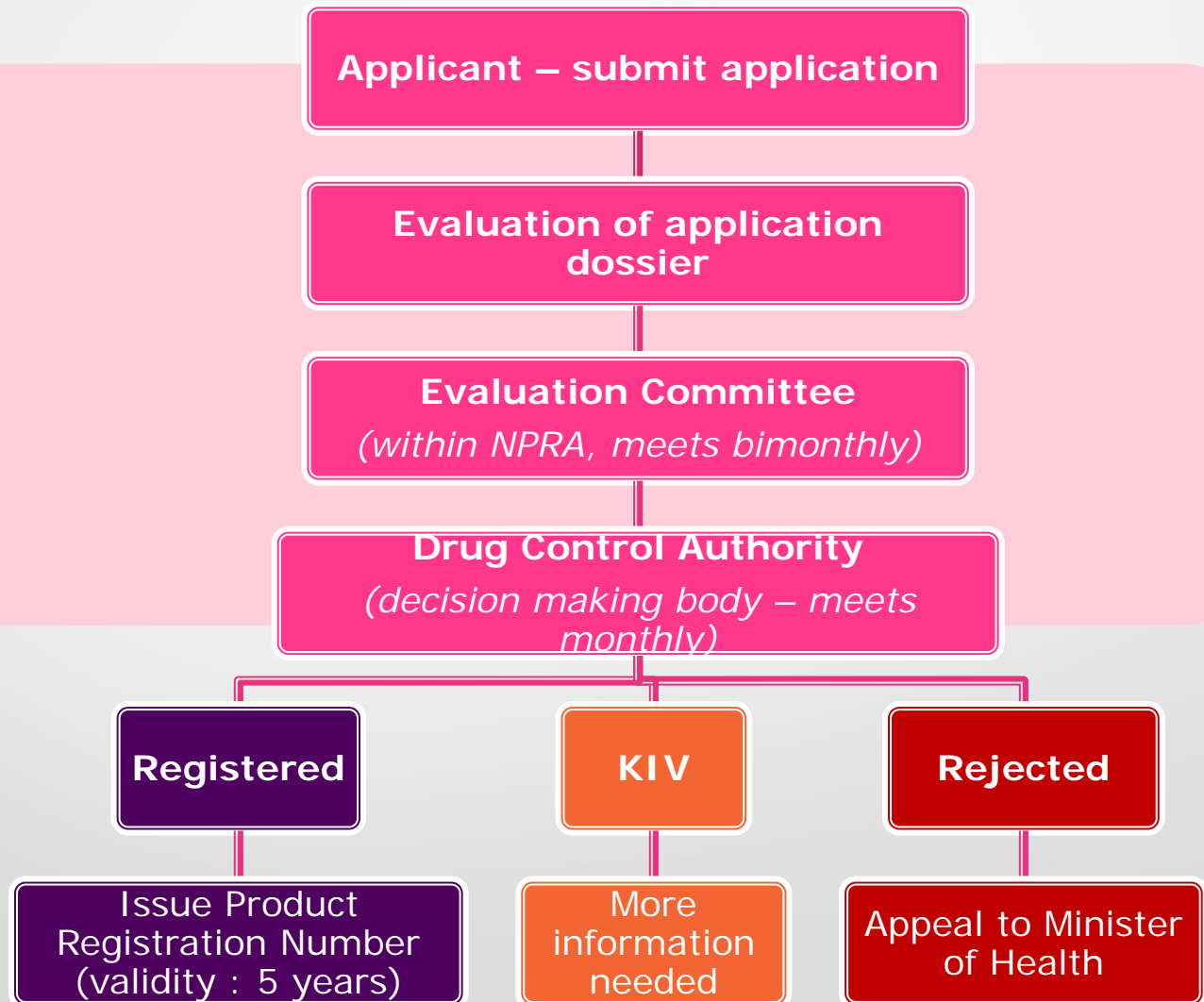
\* Evaluation based on ACTD format

Part I – BMF, CPP (CFS/GMP), labeling, PI, Part II – CoA, PoA, stability data, BABE, PVR, AVR

\* NCE/biologics– sent to panel of experts for comments.

Dossier evaluation by :

- 1) Centre for Product Registration
- 2) Centre for Quality Control
- 3) Centre for Compliance & Licensing

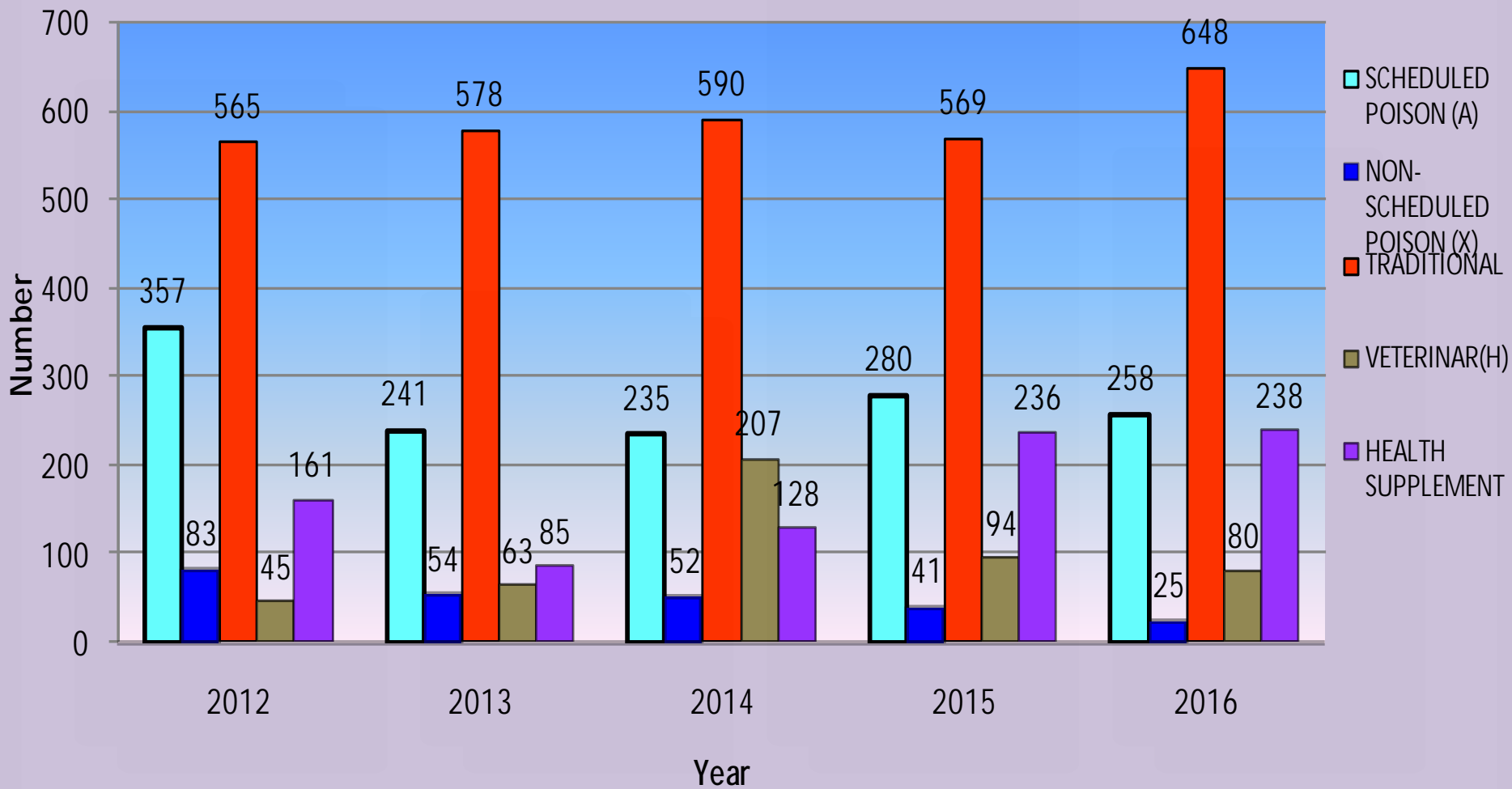




Product Categories	Registration Requirement	Exemption
<b>Generics, Scheduled Poison (A), Full Evaluation</b>	Part I ACTD Part II ACTD DP – inc. BABE Study for IR & MR + lab evaluation DS (regulated API) Label – ‘Controlled Medicine’	None
<b>Generics, Non-Scheduled Poison (X), Full Evaluation</b>	Part I ACTD Part II ACTD DP - BABE Study for MR only + lab evaluation DS (unregulated API, min requirement)	DP - BABE Report requirement for IR
<b>Generics, Non-Scheduled Poison (X), Abridged Evaluation</b>	Part I ACTD Part II ACTD DP - BABE Study for MR only + lab evaluation DS (unregulated API, min requirement)	Part I ACTD – PD, PK, P&L DP - BABE Report requirement for IR, PV, AMV, PoA

**\* OTC Abridged bypass Centre for Quality Control pre-registration documentation evaluation**

## NUMBER OF PRODUCTS REGISTERED BY CATEGORY (2012- 2016)



# Challenges

- Switching/reclassification
- Borderline/interphase medicines
  - ~ Pharmaceutical/TMHS Interphase
  - ~ Medical Device/ Drug Interphase
  - ~ Cosmetic/Drug Interphase
- New Drug Products (NDP) containing Non-Scheduled Poisons
  - eg. New form/salt, new dosage form, new route of administration, new combination of active ingredients, new indications/ dosage etc.



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