The ECOWAS Joint Assessment Procedure (ECOWAS JAP)

The ECOWAS Joint Assessment Procedure (JAP) is a collaborative initiative among 15 National Regulatory Agencies (NRAs) in West Africa that ensures harmonized and streamlined market authorization of medical products across the region. Upon approval notification by the West African Health Organization (WAHO), the applicant has 2 years to apply to the 15 ECOWAS Member States that will grant marketing authorization within a maximum of 60 days.

**Key Features of Success**

- **Objective**: Increase access to and affordability of good quality, safe, and efficacious medicines
- **Scope of Products**: Under the ECOWAS JAP
  - WHO Essential Medicine List
  - Programme Medicines
  - Public Health Emergencies
  - WHO Prequalified and Stringent Regulatory Authority (SRA) products
  - WAHO Listed Medical Devices
  - Priority Medical Supplies
  - Biological Products and Blood Products (Including Vaccines)

**Tips for Success**

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- Submit dossier in ECOWAS CTDO format
- Submit complete and timely responses to LoQs

**Abbreviations**

- **CTD**: Common Technical Document
- **ECOWAS**: Economic Community of West African States
- **EBA**: European Medicines Agency
- **EOI**: Expression of Interest
- **EMEA**: European Medicines Evaluation Agency
- **GMP**: Good Manufacturing Practice
- **NMAP**: National Market Authorization Procedure
- **NRA**: National Regulatory Agency
- **WHO**: World Health Organization

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**Useful Resources**

- ECOWAS JAP portal
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- WAHO Strategic Plan
- ECOWAS JAP portal

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