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# Natural health products good manufacturing practices pre-inspection package:

Checklist for labellers



Regulatory Operations  
and Enforcement

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## Regulatory Operations and Enforcement

### Premises (section 45)

- A detailed floor plan showing non-production, quarantine and labelling areas
- Standard operating procedures (SOPs) and associated records for:
  - prevention of contamination and cross-contamination of natural health products (NHPs)
  - storage condition of finished products
  - pest control
  - facility inspection and maintenance
  - janitorial duty schedule and cleaning completion
  - restricting access to storage areas for labels and printed materials

### Equipment (section 46)

- Preventive maintenance schedule or program for equipment, which includes identification of equipment and instructions on how to maintain it
- Equipment usage, cleaning and maintenance logs
- Calibration program and records for equipment that requires it, including proof of the calibration standard or referenced being used
- SOPs for the operation of equipment

### Personnel (section 47)

- SOPs for the appropriate education, training or work experience for all personnel
- List of qualified quality assurance person (QAP) designate(s)
- Records of completed training relating to assigned duties and responsibilities (for example good manufacturing practices (GMP) training) of personnel
- Employee training schedule or attendance records that demonstrate initial and on-going relevant training
- Job descriptions that outline roles and responsibilities of positions

- Résumé or curriculum vitae that shows the person meets their job description

## Sanitation program (section 48)

- SOPs and associated records for a sanitation program that includes information on cleaning of premises, labelling and storage areas and equipment, such as:
  - storage and protection of equipment after cleaning
  - procedures for destroying and disposing of waste materials and debris
  - cleaning and sanitizing agents to be used
  - cleaning frequencies
  - facility cleaning schedule
  - cleaning completion
- SOPs and associated records for a health and hygiene program that includes:
  - personnel hygiene training
  - guidance related to personal hygiene

## Operations (section 49)

- SOPs and associated records for:
  - transporting, receiving, handling, storing and distributing labelling materials or finished products
  - labelling NHPs
  - label control and reconciliation
  - sampling records for labelling components
  - product disposition, return and disposal
  - product complaints and resulting action
- Master labels
- Quality agreements with contractors (for example, manufacturers, packagers, labellers, importers, warehouses, wholesalers, quality assurance consultants) and suppliers

- List of all contract manufacturers, packagers and labellers used domestically and in foreign countries, as applicable

## Operations (section 50)

- SOPs and associated records for recalling a NHP and recall reporting
- Each lot of finished product has distinct identification for traceability (for example, lot number)
- Distribution records for all products
- Signed quality agreement outlining recall responsibilities

## Quality assurance (section 51)

- Organizational chart showing independence of QAP's function
- Identification of the QAP and delegate (where applicable)
- QAP's and delegate's (where applicable) résumé, including education
- QAP's training record demonstrating ongoing and relevant training
- SOPs and associated records for:
  - QAP job description that outlines roles and responsibilities, required training, experience and technical knowledge
  - approval of labelling materials and finished products
  - releasing labelling materials
  - investigation and resolution/corrective actions for complaints, deviations and returned, rejected and expired products
  - disposition, distribution and disposal of products
  - review and approval of methods, procedures and systems used to label NHPs

## Records (section 55) and record maintenance (section 58)

- List of all NHPs labelled at the site
- A copy of the sanitation program in use at the site
- Records demonstrating that each lot or batch of the NHP was labelled in accordance with the requirements of Part 3 of the regulations
- Labelling order
- Relevant records are maintained for a period of 1 year following the expiry date of the NHP to which that record relates
- Records containing sufficient information to enable a recall, which includes product distribution records
- Relevant SOPs for the maintenance of records by labellers, including the following:
  - change control
  - record control and retention
  - control of electronic records
  - use of electronic signatures
  - good documentation practices
  - document translation
  - review and approval of GMP documents
  - SOP creation and maintenance
- When an electronic document management system is in place:
  - information that supports the suitability and reliability of the system
  - documentation that outlines the development and maintenance of the system
- When electronic signatures are in use:
  - documentation detailing the development and maintenance of the electronic signature identification system
  - they must be tested and evaluated for security, validity and reliability