### **Sanitation and Hygiene**

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### **Objectives**

- Review measures to ensure good sanitation in:
  - Premises and personnel
  - Equipment and apparatus
  - Processes, materials and containers
- To review measures to ensure good personal hygiene
- Group session to discuss the situation in your country and to look at some bad sanitation and hygiene practices



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#### Scope

High level of sanitation and hygiene practised – in every aspect of manufacturing. It covers:

Personnel

- Premises
- Equipment and apparatus
- Production materials and containers
- Products for cleaning and disinfection
- All potential sources of cross-contamination

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### **Personal Hygiene (1)**

Health examinations:

↗ Before and during employment

Periodic eye examinations for those who do visual inspections

#### • Training:

- Practices in personal hygiene
- Written procedures and instructions

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- Wash hands before entering production areas
- Signs in areas (e.g. changing rooms, wash areas, after using toilet facilities)



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- ↗ Before entering production areas
- Can use disinfectants





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#### **Personal Hygiene (2)**

- Illness or open lesions:
  - ↗ May affect the quality of products
  - Should not handle starting materials, intermediates or finished products, etc.
  - Instruction and encouragement to report to supervisors
- Direct contact between product and operator:
  - ↗ Should be avoided
  - Starting materials, primary packaging materials, intermediate and bulk product

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#### **Personnel Hygiene (3)**

- Protection of product from contamination:
  - Clean clothes appropriate to activities and products
  - ↗ Including hair covering (e.g. caps), gloves
- Check change rooms/changing facilities
  - ↗ Hand washing, signs, drying of hands
  - Used clothing stored in separate closed containers while awaiting cleaning
  - Washing (laundry) of clothing SOP followed and in an appropriate facility
  - Procedure for disinfecting, decontamination and sterilizing when required
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### **Personnel Hygiene (4)**

- Smoking, eating and drinking not allowed in production areas, laboratories and storage areas
- No chewing (e.g. gum), or keeping food or drinks allowed
- No plants kept inside these areas
- Rest and refreshment areas should be separate from manufacturing and control areas

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 Toilets should not open directly into production or storage areas



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#### **Personnel Hygiene (5)**

- Personal hygiene procedures including wearing protective clothing apply to all persons entering into production areas:
  - ↗ Full-time employees
  - Temporary and contract workers
  - Contractor's employees
  - ↗ Visitors
  - ↗ Managers
  - ↗ Inspectors

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#### **Design of Premises**

#### Design

↗ Walls, floors, ceilings, ledges, drains, air supply, dust extraction

Prevention of build-up of dirt and dust to avoid unnecessary risks of contamination

↗ Cleaning programme, appropriate cleaning, cleaning records

Effective cleaning and disinfection

↗ choice of materials and chemicals, validation

Drains – prevent backflow

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- Protection from insects, birds, vermin and weather
  - from receipt of raw materials to dispatch of released product

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#### **Production Operations – Sanitation (1)**

- Cleaning and cleaning validation
  - Degree of cleaning depends on whether consecutive batches are of same or different product
- Check cleaning agent is fully removed
- If possible hot water alone used for cleaning
  - all cleaning and disinfecting solutions carefully prepared and expiry dated
- Final rinse with purified water, or water for injection (for sterile products)
- Full records kept



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#### **Production Operations – Sanitation (2)**

- Full records kept
- Water systems
- Water major constituent of most products
- SOP for cleaning and sanitization of the water purification system should include distribution line
- Validation and removal of disinfectant before reuse





#### **Production Operations – Sanitation (3)**

- Maintenance and repair
  - activities inevitable in manufacturing area
  - ↗ Should present no risk to product
- Whenever possible, all planned maintenance outside normal operating hours
- Emergency work in working area followed by thorough clean down and disinfection before manufacturing recommences
- Area clearance by QC











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**Group Session - Option 1** 

Look at the photographs in the handout and record as many sanitation and hygiene issues as you can

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#### **Group Session - Option 2**

You are inspecting a new factory. What are the key issues for sanitation and the key issues for personnel hygiene that the company should have in place?



#### Possible Issues – I Sanitation

- Mixed production
- Penicillins
- Product versus batch changeovers
- Water systems
- How long should a "cleaned" status last for?
- What should happen if a clearance check is required when no QC personnel are on duty?
- Procedures and records



#### Possible Issues – II Hygiene

- Personal hygiene
- Health checks
- Dealing with health problems
- Personal responsibility
- Training records

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Frequency of handwashing



