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Revised CTIS transparency rules and historical trials: quick guide for users

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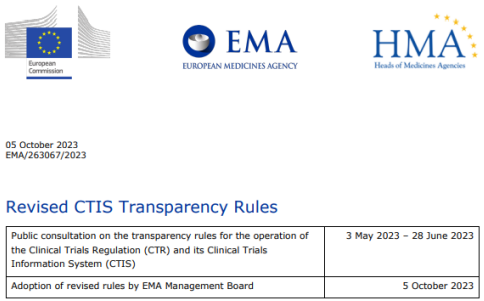
As of 18 June 2024, the Revised CTIS transparency rules are the publication rules of the Clinical Trial Information System:

- All trials submitted on or after 18 June follow the principles and timelines defined in the revised rules
- Trials submitted to CTIS before 18 June are considered 'historical' and have only their structured data published, see 'historical trials' section



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Revised CTIS Transparency Rules

Public consultation on the transparency rules for the operation of the Clinical Trials Regulation (CTR) and its Clinical Trials Information System (CTIS)	3 May 2023 – 28 June 2023
Adoption of revised rules by EMA Management Board	5 October 2023

Rules are summarised in the Annex 1

to the Guidance document on how to approach the protection of personal data and CCI while using the CTIS

More info is in the Q&A on the protection of CCI and Personal Data, in a dedicated CTIS bitesize talk and in the List of CTIS application fields and documents + notifications fields

Revised rules: modality of disclosure of CTIS trials' information

Chapter 2 of Guidance document on how to approach the protection of personal data and commercially confidential information while using the CTIS

Revised rules: modality of disclosure of CTIS trials' information

The **most recent** authorised application of any trial, as well as any 'not authorised' initial application, is made publicly available as per timelines based on:

- trial category, selected in the 'Form' section as per below table
- population age
- trial phase *(in case of category 2 trials that are integrated phase 1&2)*

Category	Trial type
Category 1 Pharmaceutical development clinical trials	Phase I clinical trials in healthy volunteers or patients Phase 0 trial in healthy volunteers or patients Bioequivalence and bioavailability trials Similarity trials for biosimilars Equivalence trials for combination or topical products
Category 2 Therapeutic exploratory & confirmatory clinical trials	Phase I and phase II integrated clinical trials Phase II clinical trials Phase II and phase III integrated clinical trials Phase III clinical trials
Category 3 Therapeutic use clinical trials	Phase III and phase IV integrated clinical trials Phase IV clinical trial and low interventional trials

Publication of structured data

Table I of Annex 1 to Guidance document, List of CTIS application and notifications fields and documents

Structured data – what will be published & when

Structured data	Category 1		Category 2 integrated p h1&2	Category 2 & 3 *(excl. integr. ph1&2)*
	Paediatrics and/or PIP	Adults		
CTIS application fields	First MSC decision	First MSC decision	First MSC decision	First MSC decision
		30 months after EU/EEA End of Trial		
CTIS application fields on dose and treatment duration	30 months after EU/EEA End of Trial			
MSC(s) conclusions and decision outcomes	That MSC decision			
Notifications on trial status and recruitment	As soon as submitted by sponsor			
Notific. on serious breaches, urgent safety measures, unexpected events	After MSC assessment	30 months after EU/EEA EoT & MSC assessment	After MSC assessment	
Corrective measures (suspension, revocation, modification request)	When applied by MSC(s)			

Structured data – what will be published & when

Structured data	Category 1		Category 2 integrated ph1&2
	Paediatrics and/or PIP	Adults	
CTIS application fields populated by the sponsor, including: •Public title (= title in lay terms) •Trial identifiers in registers, protocol code •Phase, medical cond., rare disease, therap. area •Population age, gender •Sponsor details •Details of clinical investigator sites in MSC(s)	First MSC decision	First MSC decision	First MSC decision
Remaining CTA fields populated by the sponsor		30 months after EU/EEA End of Trial	
CTIS application fields on Maximum duration of treatment, Maximum daily dose allowed, Daily dose unit of measure, Maximum total dose allowed, Total dose unit of measure	30 months after EU/EEA End of Trial		

Structured data – what will be published & when

Structured data	All categories
Sponsor legal representative details	Never
Any request for information (RFI) and RFI responses	
Validation conclusion details, assessment decision conditions (if any)	
MSC(s) assessment(s) on notifications	
3rd country inspection details	

Publication of documents

Table II of Annex 1 to Guidance document, List of CTIS application and notifications fields and documents

Documents – what will be published & when

Documents type	Category 1		Category 2 and 3 *including integrated ph1&2*
	Paediatrics and/or PIP	**Adults**	
Protocol, synopsis, patient facing documents*	Upon results' submission	30 months after EU/EEA End of Trial	First MSC decision
SmPC, if available	Never		
Subject information and informed consent form			That MSC decision
Recruitment arrangements, *including procedures for inclusion and copy of advertising material*			
Final summary of results, Lay person summary of results	As soon as submitted	30 months after EU/EEA End of Trial	As soon as submitted
Clinical study report, *if available*	As soon as submitted *(requirement: 30 days from MA)*		
All other doc, including any MS doc	Never		

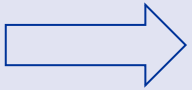
*: any translation of patient facing documents is not published since it is submitted in section Part II - compliance with national requirements on Data Protection

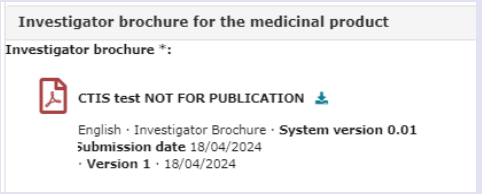
As of 18 June 2024, for any application created before this date

For all those documents that are no longer published (e.g. IB), the system had to remove the former version 'for publication', unless no 'not for publication' version was linked to it

workspace view

before 18/6/24





as of 18/6/24

Examples are in the next slide

Note question 1.9 of Q&A: when submitting a modification application of those trials, sponsors are not requested to re-upload the clean versions of those documents 'not for publication' that are no longer available. Only the clean version and corresponding track-changes version of those documents that have been modified as part of the application should be uploaded, unless MSCs requests further uploads.

Examples

Before 18 June, sponsor had uploaded:		As of 18 June, Sponsor/MS sees, in the same placeholder:
In slot 'for publication'	and linked to 'not for publication'	
Doc 1 'for publication'	-	Doc 1 (formerly 'for publication')
Doc 1 'for publication'	Doc 1 not for publication	Doc 1 (formerly 'not for publication')
Doc 1 'for publication'	2 or more docs 'not for publication', linked to the same unique document for pub	All 'not for publication' docs *(doc 'for publication' removed)*
Doc 1 For publication Doc 2 For publication (e.g. translation)	Doc 1 'not for publication' Doc 2 'not for publication' (e.g. translation)	Doc 1 (formerly 'not for publication') Doc 2 (formerly 'not for publication' ,e.g. translation)
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In some cases, users could still see both 'for publication' and 'not for publication' versions. Note that also in these cases the document is not published.

Historical trials, submitted before 18 June 2024

Section 2.3 of Guidance document on how to approach the protection of personal data and CCI while using the CTIS + specific behaviour of SM change of sponsor

Historical trials: what is published and when

For all those CTIS applications **submitted*** before 18 June 2024:

- the structured data are published for all trials' categories as per revised rules
- **documents are not published** *(this applies to all historical trials, regardless of the previous use of deferrals or publication status)*

The following kinds of CTIS applications **submitted*** on or after 18 June 2024 trigger publication of those documents that are in scope of the application and of the revised rules:

- Substantial Modifications (part I and/or part II)
- Non-Substantial Modification (part I and/or part II)
- Additional Member State (triggering publication of part II docs only)

→ ***documents** in scope of publication **should be redacted accordingly***

Warning: 'SM part I change of sponsor' triggers publication of part I documents: see slide 17

**the date determining whether a trial is 'historical' or not, is the submission date, not the date of creation of your draft*

Historical trials: what is published and when

AM applications done on 'historical trials' do not trigger the publication of part I documents. Apart from AM applications, for all the other kinds of applications the following applies:

→ ***for an application that is submitted to CTIS on any 'historical' trial,*** *the* ***documents*** *in scope of publication are going to be published and* ***should be redacted accordingly***

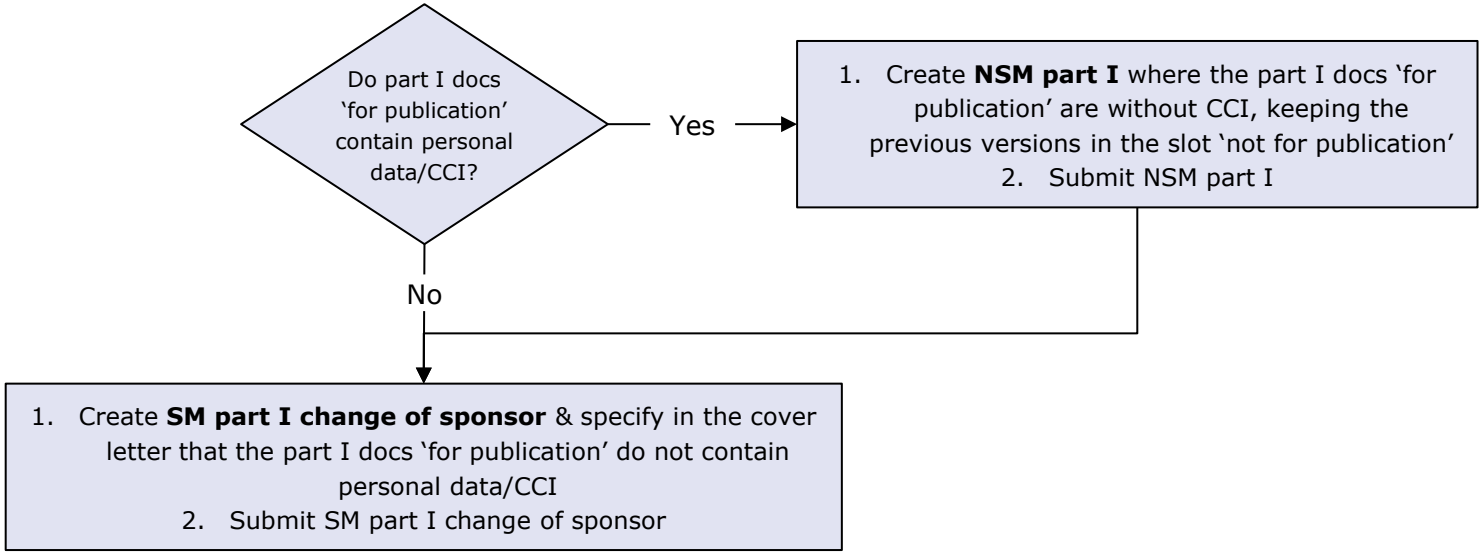
Example: an initial application submitted before 18 June 2024 has the latest version of its structured data published on 18 June 2024 while its documents were not published; if, on this trial:

- A SM part 1 or a NSM part I is submitted, with the purpose of updating the IB: protocol and synopsis will be published as per revised rules and should be redacted accordingly. Note: part II documents will not be published
- A SM part I change of sponsor is submitted: this will trigger publication of part I documents, see next slide
- An SM Part II or a NSM part II is submitted: this triggers publication of part II documents only & update of all structured data fields.
- Submission of trial notifications or results do not trigger publication of application's documents of the same trial.

Note: in order to remove 'for publication' versions to replace them with redacted versions, it is necessary to remove the relevant 'non for publication' versions, and upload them again once the redacted 'for publication' versions are uploaded

SM part I change of sponsor* triggers publication of part I docs

For a trial submitted to CTIS before 18 June 2024:



For questions: contact the Reporting Member State (RMS)

* Specific SM that allows the change of the Sponsor's ORG ID

Reference documentation

ACT EU – Implementation of clinical trial regulation website

Reference documentation

- Revised transparency rules
- Quick guide for users
- Guidance document on how to approach the protection of personal data and commercially confidential information (CCI) while using CTIS and its Annex I
- Q&A on the protection of CCI and Personal Data while using CTIS
- List of CTIS application fields and documents (with publication details)
- List of CTIS notifications fields and documents (with publication details)
- CTIS Bitesize talk on the transparency rules
- Sponsor handbook