## POLICY ON QUALITY AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

This document provides the policy for Quality Technical Agreement to assure compliance with applicable current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP)

#### SCOPE:

This policy is applicable for all outsourced cGMP activities carried out on contractual arrangements between ...... and Customer/Supplier for commercial sale and /or distribution of final end product.

All GMP and GDP requirements of ........ that are outsourced with Customer/Supplier or as Intracompany require that responsibilities and obligations of each of the entities are agreed in the form of a QTA.

### **POLICY DETAILS:**

There shall be a Quality Technical Agreement between ...... and Customer/ Supplier for all outsourced cGMP activities.

There shall be a written procedure in place for management of Quality Technical Agreement. Quality Technical Agreement at the minimum shall contain the following basic sections:

- Parties to the agreement:
- Purpose/ Scope
- Definitions: Terms and Terminations
- Products/material /services
- Communication mechanism and key Quality contacts
- Outline of quality responsibilities
- Confidentiality:
- Approval signatures
- ♦ Quality Technical Agreement shall be a separate document from Commercial contracts.
- ♦ The Quality Technical Agreements shall be in place prior to Commercial distribution /sale, usage of material / GMP services.
- ♦ The Quality Technical Agreement shall be approved and signed by authorized personnel of the parties involved in Quality Technical Agreement.
- ♦ The Quality Technical Agreement shall be reviewed as per defined frequency and/or whenever there are any changes in terms and conditions.
- ♦ Any changes in the Quality Technical agreements shall be recorded in the Change history. Quality Technical Agreement shall be retained by both the parties.

#### AMENDMENT AND WAIVER:

The company reserves the right to amend, alter and/or terminate this policy at any time.

#### **DEFINITION:**

Customer: The company or organisation receiving the product e.g. Raw materials , packaging materials , finished product once it has left the control of the manufacturers; includes users and distributors.

Quality Technical Agreement: A legally binding agreement that is mutually negotiated and concluded between the Quality Departments of manufacturers and their customers. It is intended to define, in a formalised manner, responsibilities relative to quality tasks to assure the manufacture, supply and use of safe materials

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acceptable for pharmaceutical use, GMP services.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS:**

cGMP : Current Good Manufacturing Practise

GDP : Good Distribution Practices
QTA : Quality Technical Agreement

USFDA : United States Food and Drug Administration

#### **REFERENCES:**

USFDA guidelines on "Contract manufacturing arrangement for drugs: "Quality Agreements" EUDRALEX Volume 4 Chapter 7