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41 **Executive summary**

42 This document is a guideline that prescribes how GMP inspection reports shall be  
43 published on the FDA website after the conduct of inspection of manufacturing facilities  
44 for the purpose of licensing.

45 The guideline highlights the criteria for publishing of redacted versions of inspection  
46 reports, the format of the report as well as the role of the inspected facility in  
47 corroborating or otherwise the content of the report to be published.

48 The objective of publishing redacted GMP inspection reports is to build confidence and  
49 accountability of the licensing structure via enhanced transparency through public  
50 availability of information on inspections performed and reports from those inspections.

51 **1. Introduction (background)**

52 As part of the FDA's efforts at continual improvement to build confidence and  
53 accountability of the licensing structure it has become necessary for the Authority to  
54 enhance transparency through public availability of information on inspections performed  
55 and reports from those inspections.

56 This guideline thus provides guidance to FDA and the industry in respect of fulfilling this  
57 requirement to increase transparency in the operations of the inspectorate as well as  
58 customer satisfaction.

59 This guideline is hereby written to describe how redacted GMP inspection reports of  
60 manufacturing facilities shall be published on the FDA's website.

61 **1.1. Legal Basis**

62 1.1.1 The Food and Drugs Authority Ghana is the National Regulatory Authority under  
63 the ministry of Health of Ghana responsible for the safety and efficacy of medicines  
64 on the Ghanaian market towards the protection of the health of the Ghanaian  
65 populace.

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67 1.1.2 In exercise of the powers conferred on FDA by Public Health Act, 2012, Act 851,  
68 Part Seven, Section 148, these guidelines apply to the publication of redacted GMP  
69 inspections reports for regulatory inspections performed for regulated products.

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71 1.1.3 This guideline provides guidance to publication of redacted GMP inspection reports  
72 in accordance to Sections 97, 130 and 131 of the Public Health Act, 2012, Act 851  
73 of the Republic of Ghana.

74 **1.2. Scope**

75 1.2.1 This guideline applies to publication of redacted GMP inspection reports of  
76 manufacturing facilities for FDA regulated products that has met the minimum  
77 requirements to be described a GMP compliant facility.

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79 1.2.2 The redacted GMP inspection report shall provide a summary overview of the GMP  
80 inspection conducted in a particular facility that has met the minimum GMP  
81 requirements and would include a summary of the observations and findings made  
82 during the inspection.

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84 1.2.3 These redacted GMP inspection reports shall be known and described as 'Ghana  
85 Food and Drugs Authority Public Inspection Report' (Abbreviated as; GFDAPIR).

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87 **2. Definitions and Abbreviations**

88 **2.1. Abbreviations**

89 FDA : Food and Drugs Authority  
90 GFDAPIR : Ghana Food and Drugs Authority Public Inspection Report  
91 GMP : Good Manufacturing Practices  
92 MS : Microsoft  
93 SOP : Standard Operating Procedure  
94 WHO : World Health Organization  
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96 **2.2. Definitions**

97 ***Authority***

98 Means Food and Drugs Authority  
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100 ***Standard operating procedures***

101 An authorized written procedure giving instructions for performing operations not  
102 necessarily specific to a given product or material (e.g. equipment operation, maintenance  
103 and cleaning; cleaning of premises and environmental control; sampling and inspection).  
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105 **3. Requirements**

106 ***3.1. Condition for publication of a facility's Inspection report***

107 3.1.1 The GFDAPIR is prepared only when all critical or major non-compliances" have  
108 been satisfactorily corrected by the manufacturers or organizations. A GFDAPIR  
109 will be **prepared if the process of inspection and closing an inspection leads**  
110 **to an outcome that the site is compliant with** the GMP guidelines used in the  
111 conduct of the inspection.

112 3.1.2 The format of the GFDAPIR shall be as per appendix I of this guideline.  
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114 ***3.2. Content Requirement of the GFDAPIR Report***

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116 3.2.1 Products covered in the inspection shall be referred to in the report by their dosage  
117 forms and/ or therapeutic class and NOT by their Generic or proprietary name.

118 3.2.2 SOPs and any Standard documents shall be referred to by their titles and /or  
119 content but not by their unique reference numbers.

120 3.2.3 Equipment and machinery shall be referred to by their type (e.g., blender) but not  
121 model or asset number.

122 3.2.4 Statements on findings/ non-compliances shall be followed by a summary  
123 statement of what has been accepted, from the company's implemented or  
124 proposed corrective and preventive actions.

- 125 **3.3 In-Put of The Inspected Facility**
- 126 3.3.1 Draft GFDAPIR in "MS Word" format shall be sent to the inspected company  
127 requesting comments and corrections in "track change" mode, specifying that  
128 confidential and proprietary information should be removed.
- 129 3.3.2 Comments from the inspected company shall be considered and appropriately  
130 incorporated into the draft GFDAPIR.
- 131 3.3.3 The draft GFDAPIR shall be finalized only when the FDA and the inspected  
132 company have agreed on its content.
- 133 **3.4 Validity of the Inspection Report on the Website**
- 134 3.4.1 A published GFDAPIR shall remain valid over the validity period of the license or  
135 until the next inspection EXCEPT when other regulatory measures require  
136 otherwise.

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138 **References**

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140 **Annex**

141 **APPENDIX 1**

142 **FDA GHANA, PUBLIC INSPECTION REPORT**  
143 **(FDAGPIR)**  
144 **Finished Product Manufacturer Name**  
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Part 1	<b>General information</b>
<b>Manufacturers Details</b>	
Company information	
Name of manufacturer	
Corporate address of manufacturer	
<b>Inspected site</b>	
Address of inspected manufacturing site if different from that given above	
Unit / block / workshop number	
Manufacturing license number, (delete if not applicable)	
<b>Inspection details</b>	
Dates of inspection	
Type of inspection	
<b>Introduction</b>	
Brief summary of the manufacturing activities	

General information about the company and site	
History	
<b>Brief report of inspection activities undertaken</b>	
<b>Scope and limitations</b>	
Areas inspected	
Restrictions	
Out of scope	
Dosage form lines inspected	

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<b>Abbreviations</b>	
AHU	air handling unit
ALCOA	attributable, legible, contemporaneous, original and accurate
API	active pharmaceutical ingredient
APQR	annual product quality review
BDL	below detection limit
BMR	batch manufacturing record
BPR	batch packaging record
CAPA	corrective actions and preventive actions
CC	change control
CFU	colony-forming unit
CoA	certificate of analysis
CpK	process capability index
DQ	design qualification
EM	environmental monitoring
FAT	factory acceptance test
FBD	fluid bed dryer
FMEA	failure modes and effects analysis
FPP	finished pharmaceutical product
FTA	fault tree analysis
FTIR	Fourier transform infrared spectrometer



GC	gas chromatograph	
GMP	good manufacturing practice	
HACCP	hazard analysis and critical control points	
HPLC	high-performance liquid chromatograph	
HVAC	heating, ventilation and air conditioning	
IR	infrared spectrophotometer	
IQ	installation qualification	
KF	Karl Fisher	
LAF	laminar air flow	
LIMS	laboratory information management system	
LoD	limit of detection	
LOD	loss on drying	
MB	microbiology	
MBL	microbiology laboratory	
MF	master formulae	
MR	management review	
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy	
NRA	national regulatory agency	
OQ	operational qualification	
PHA	<i>process hazard analysis</i>	
PM	preventive maintenance	
PpK	process performance index	
PQ	performance qualification	
PQR	product quality review	
PQS	pharmaceutical quality system	
QA	quality assurance	
QC	quality control	
QCL	quality control laboratory	
QRM	quality risk management	
RA	risk assessment	
RCA	root cause analysis	
SOP	standard operating procedure	
TAMC	total aerobic microbial count	
TFC	total fungi count	
TLC	thin layer chromatography	
URS	user requirements specifications	
UV	ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer	

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151 ***Brief summary of the findings and comments***

152 **1. Pharmaceutical quality system**

153 **2. Good manufacturing practices for pharmaceutical products**

154 **3. Sanitation and hygiene**

155 **4. Qualification and validation**

156 **5. Complaints**

157 **6. Product recalls**

158 **7. Contract production, analysis and other activities**

159 **8. Self-inspection, quality audits and suppliers' audits and approval**

160 **9. Personnel**

161 **10. Training**

162 **11. Personal hygiene**

163 **12. Premises**

164 **13. Equipment**

165 **14. Materials**

166 **15. Documentation**

167 **16. Good practices in production**

168 **17. Good practices in quality control**

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171 **PART 3**

172 ***Conclusion***

173 Based on the areas inspected, the people met and the documents reviewed, and  
174 considering the findings of the inspection, including the observations listed in the  
175 Inspection Report, a ,located at was considered to be operating at an acceptable level  
176 of compliance with WHO Good Manufacturing Practices for pharmaceutical products.

177 All the non-compliances observed during the inspection that were listed in the full report  
178 as well as those reflected in the FDAPIR, were addressed by the manufacturer, to a  
179 satisfactory level, prior to the publication of the FDAPIR.

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181 This FDAPIR will remain valid for <x years>, provided that the outcome of any inspection  
182 conducted during this period is positive.  
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#### 184 **PART 4**

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