



## *Newsletter No 3- 08*

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Dear CAM – supporters,

New test methods determining the effectiveness of the contents of medicinal plants must adhere to the latest developments in scientific research and correspondingly be taken over by practices. If then, the standardized extract of a new test method comes up with a completely different substance classification, this no longer fits into any monograph (whether it be ESCOP, HMPC or Com. E) or any pharmaceutical practice. In the contents of some plants, the previously measured compounds can no longer be detected and therefore, according to the newest standards, do not exist. Science is amazed and begins a search for a new approach to the problem – while the packaged instructions for medicine, related information and dosages need to be changed.

In the spring, the new genetic engineering law will come into effect in Germany. Despite the criticism of its own party, the responsible minister for agriculture and consumerism was able to push through that animal food can be labelled free of genetic engineering even if additives are present that were produced by such means, thereby making the deception of having a supposedly “genetically engineered free” product, legal.

Regarding supplements, in the interest of consumer protection, the European Food Administration EFSA, has taken on, in the form of a guideline, the stance that all plant components come under the general suspicion of being either “poisonous” or “psychologically effective” (as is, for example, any cocoa). And here, as with the German BfArM, it is taken for granted that innocence has to be proven.

Scandalous is that although affected organizations have been given a deadline by when they can put forth a statement, no organizations specialized in this field are included in the process of creating a guideline beforehand.

In connection with this, conspicuous is the reserve EMEA is displaying regarding the two deaths which became public (Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008), after a Papilloma-Virus vaccination. Following an investigation of the circumstances, there was found to be no need for action! In the meantime the danger of cinnamon stars (Cumarines), is still in everyone’s memory.

**Please note: The 3<sup>rd</sup> ANME-Symposium will take place in Frankfurt Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008!**

Best wishes from Schoeneck

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