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Quality Defects – Recent Trends

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Content & Objective

- Highlight significant trends in Quality Defect area
 - Part I – All 2011 Quality Defects
 - Part II – 2011 Quality Defects & Irish Manufacturers
- Why?
 - These are reaching the market → patient/animals/HCP
 - Key areas to focus on for prevention



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Part I - Quality Defects over the Years

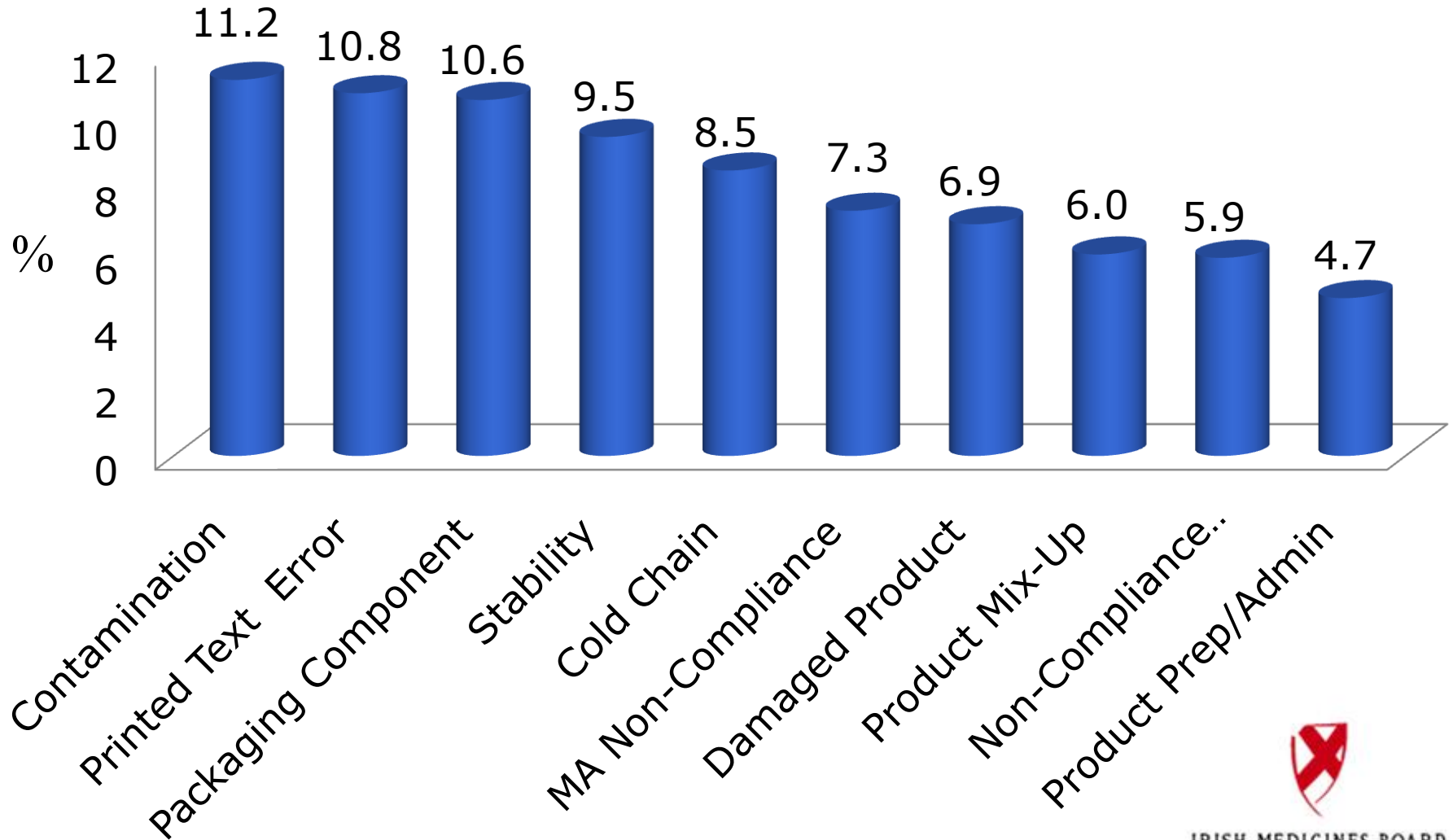
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Minor	105	147	241	314
Major	299	345	332	364
Critical	127	105	173	231
Not Justified	23	17	5	8
Total	555	614	751	917

Q: Most Common Category of Defect in 2011?

1. Stability Issues
2. Packaging Component Defects
3. Printed Text Artwork Errors
4. Product Mix – Up
5. Contamination
6. MA Non-Compliances



Category of Defect 2011



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Most Frequent Quality Defect Reports

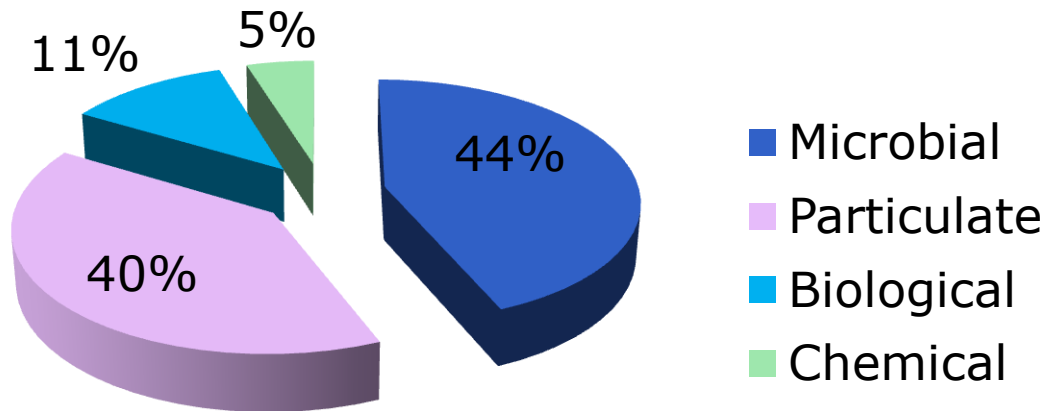
1. Contamination – 11.2%
2. Printed Text Artwork Error – 10.8 %
3. Packaging Component Defect – 10.6%



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1. Contamination

- 103 products in total



- 66 (64%) affected Ireland
- 24 recall actions in Ireland



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2. Printed Text Artwork Errors

- Errors in SPC, carton, leaflet, blister foil, label **text**
- Failure to implement /delay updates to text
 - 98 products - 91 affecting Ireland (93%)
 - 17 recall actions in Ireland



MAH inspections
(Kevin O'Donnell's Presentation)



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3. Packaging Components

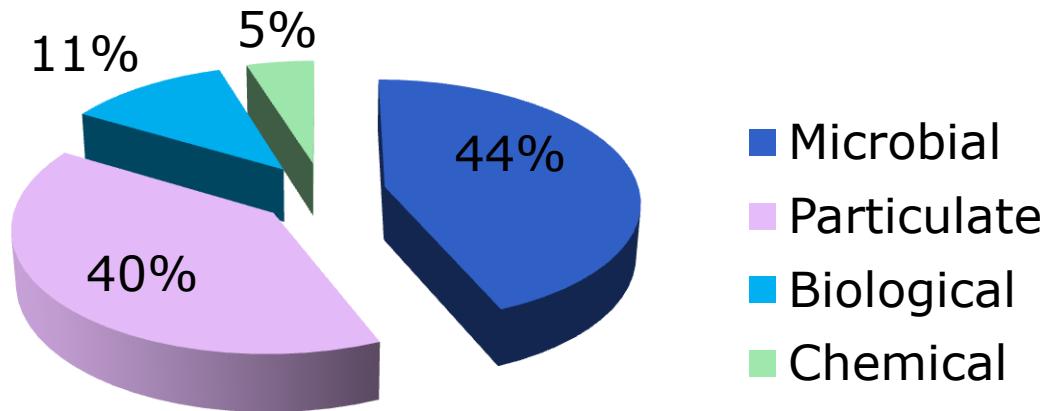
- Packaging defects not related to text
 - Container closure defects
 - Use of immediate packaging of incorrect composition
 - Ampoules shattering upon opening
 - Syringe nozzle breakages
- 97 Products - 79 affecting Ireland (81%)
- 5 recalled in Ireland



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Reminder: Contamination

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Contamination & Packaging Components

- **Microbial**

- Alcohol swabs contained in packs
- Infusion bag stoppers

- **Chemical**

- Empty plastic bottles contaminated during storage
- Incorrect composition of vial stoppers
 - ➔ chemical contamination of finished product



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Contamination & Packaging components

- **Particulate**
 - Coring of Bung
 - Plastic from Infusion bags
 - Glass delamination in vials
 - Metallic particles embedded in glass vial/amp



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GMP Guide Annex 8

The **sampling plan** for packaging materials should take account of at least the following:

*the **quantity** received, the **quality** required, the **nature** of the material (e.g. Primary packaging materials and/or printed packaging materials), the **production methods**, and what is known of the **Quality Assurance system of the packaging materials manufacturer** based on audits. The number of samples taken should be determined statistically and specified in a sampling plan.*

- Inspection only – Is this enough to prevent?



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GMP Guide Annex 8 – Starting Materials

- Should these be applied to packaging components?
- *nature and status of the manufacturer/supplier and their understanding of the GMP requirements of the Pharmaceutical Industry*
- *Quality Assurance system of the manufacturer of the starting material*
- *the manufacturing conditions under which the starting material is produced and controlled*
- *the nature of the starting material and the medicinal products in which it will be used*

Part II - Quality Defects & Irish Manufacturers

- 917 Quality Defects - Human & Veterinary Products

QUESTION:

What percentage of the 917 correlate to products manufactured at Irish manufacturing sites?



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Fingers on your Buzzers!

1: 10%

2: 25%

3: 33%

4: 50%

5: 77%

6: 95%



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Seriousness of Defects - 2011

Human & Vet Products	Critical	Major	Minor/ NJ	Total
QDRs (Irish sites)	21	146	136	303
% of all QDRs (classification)	10%	40%	42%	33%

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Minor & Non-Justified Defects

- 136 related to Irish manufactured products
- 121 reported by MAH/Manufacturer (89%)
- Potentially non-reportable

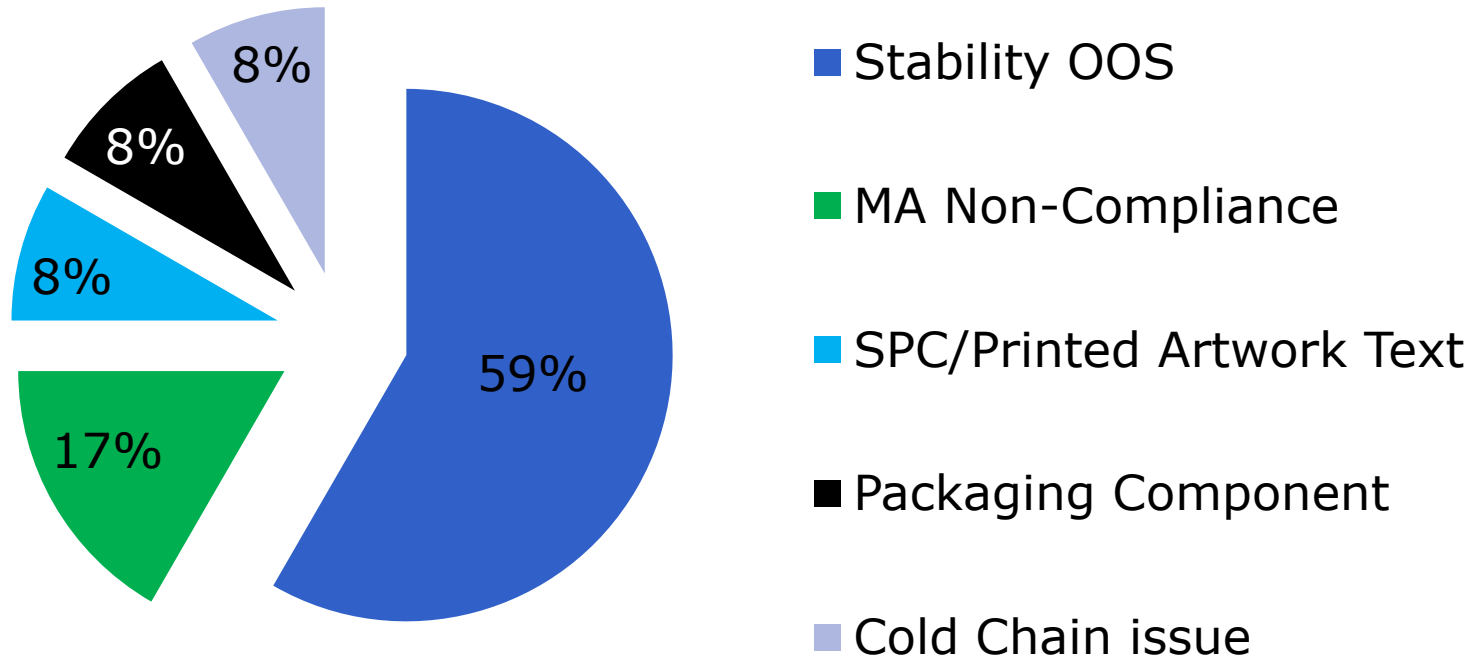
 Guidance Note on Reporting Quality Defects
(Presentation Rob Smyth – updates to guide)



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Veterinary Products

12 Defects



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Veterinary Product Overview

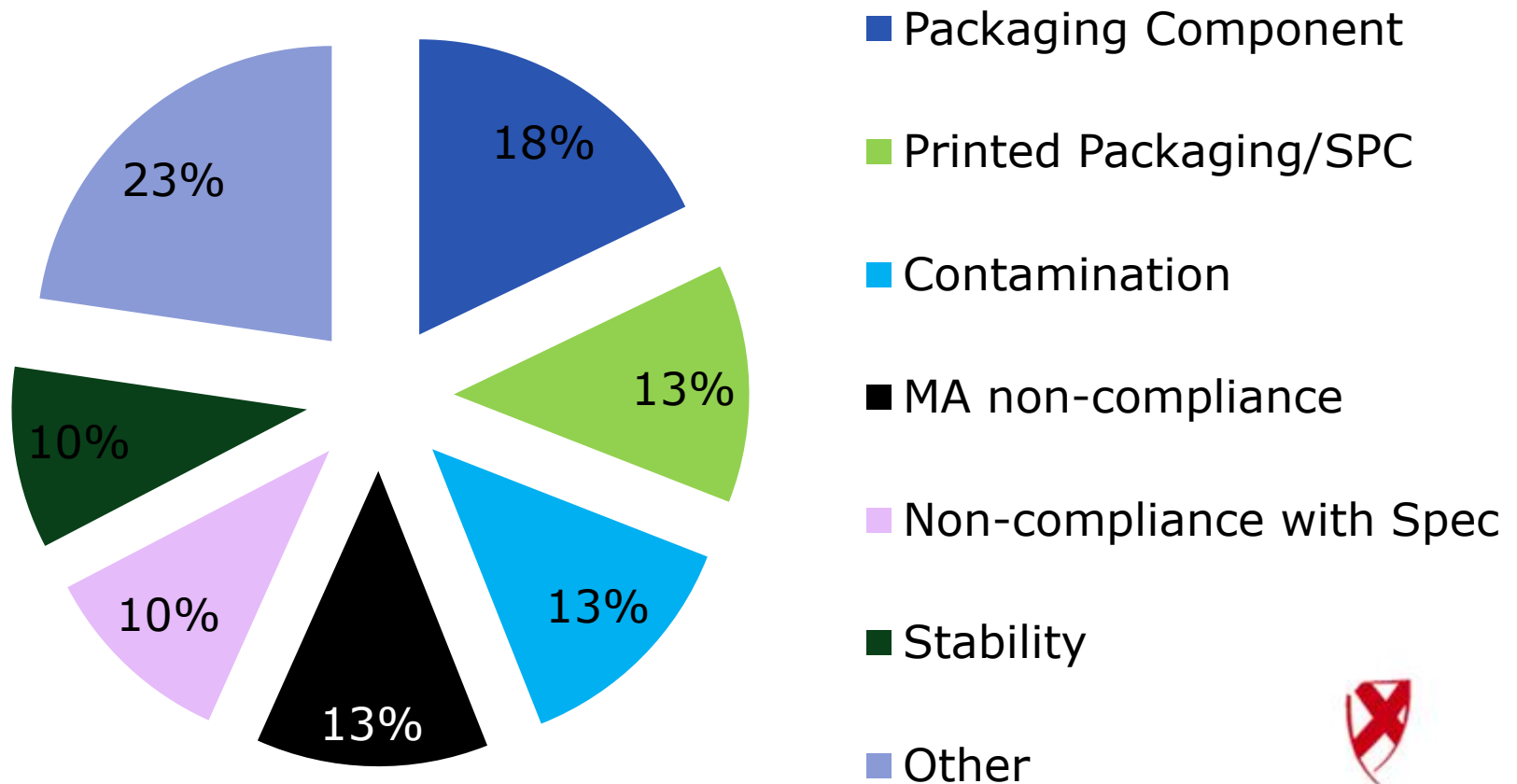
- No recalls
- No Critical defects
- 2 Major & 10 Minor
- All reported by manufacturer
- Stability OOS results



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Human Products

291 Defects



Human Product Manufacture Overview

- 59 recalls on Irish Market
 - 20% of 291 reported
 - 25% of all recalls on Irish Market
- 27 additional recalls outside of Ireland



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Conclusions & Recommendations

- No. contamination cases is high, and often high risk, resulting in increased need for market action
- Packaging components account for a large portion of defects and can also play a significant role in the introduction of contaminants (or are the contaminants themselves)
- Recommend review of potential risks presented by packaging components and introduce measures to reduce - Use of guidance for starting materials
Annex 8



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Conclusions & Recommendations

- No one stand out defect category related to Irish manufacturers – in line with what is seen overall
- Number of minor defects reported by Irish manuf/MAH is high – Review reporting guidance note
- Reporting from Veterinary Manufacturers is low – review reporting procedures to ensure compliance with guidance



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Conclusions & Recommendations

Recommendations to potentially reduce contamination:

- More risk-based validation of manufacturing processes
- More risk-based validation of visual inspection processes
- More risk-based qualification of visual inspection equipment



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Conclusions & Recommendations

Packaging Components – possible ways to reduce defects

- Better qualification of suppliers
- Improved validation of handling, cleaning and packaging processes



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Questions?



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