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To: Enforcement Committee

Subject: Work Group on Electronic Pedigree

1. EPCglobal Ratifies Its Pedigree Standard

Since the last meeting, EPCglobal has released its Ratified Pedigree Standard (January 2007). A copy of the press release follows this page (which contains the email address for downloading a copy of the standard – 138 pages).

An overview of this standard will be provided in a presentation by EPCglobal at this meeting.

The ratification of this standard is a major milestone!

2. EPCglobal Conducts Hospital Summit

On February 20, EPCglobal held a “summit” for California hospitals to initiate awareness of the electronic pedigree requirements and to engage hospitals in what their supply chain partners are doing. Speakers included individuals from hospitals, regulators, and manufacturers (pharmaceuticals, medical devices, biologics, blood products, distributors and vendors). Additional hospital summits are planned by EPCglobal for Boston and Chicago.

Hospitals have also been invited to attend the board’s quarterly Work Group on Electronic Pedigree meetings.

3. California Board of Pharmacy Review of Pedigree Standard

On March 8, 2007, Board Members Bill Powers and Stan Goldenberg and board staff met with nine EPCglobal representatives to review the EPCglobal Standards and assure the components met California’s legal requirements.

This was a lengthy meeting and a summary of the meeting is provided in this tab section.

The board believes the standard meets California’s electronic pedigree requirements. However, additional work and amplification need to be done by industry and by the board. In some cases regulations may be necessary to provide the necessary specification.