APPLICATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF VACCINES THE WHO ESSENTIAL DRUG LIST

This proposal is to remove the current list of vaccines under 19.3 and replace this section with "a brief paragraph of information on processes in place for recommendations on vaccine use and how to access this information i.e. conclusions and recommendations form the SAGE, conclusions from the GACVS, position papers, and Technical Report Series publications"

The reasons for this are outlined in the application

Below are the vaccines listed from the 14th WHO Model List

19.3 Vaccines

All vaccines should comply with the WHO Requirements for Biological Substances.

19.3.1 For universal immunization

BCG vaccine

diphtheria vaccine

hepatitis B vaccine

measles vaccine

pertussis vaccine

poliomyelitis vaccine

tetanus vaccine

19.3.2 For specific groups of individuals

influenza vaccine

meningococcal meningitis vaccine

mumps vaccine

rabies vaccine (inactivated: prepared in cell culture)

rubella vaccine

typhoid vaccine

yellow fever vaccine

What action do you propose for the Committee to take?

I propose that the committee consider this application. While there is merit in the application, the EML indicates those essential vaccines which it recommends. If out of date, the committee should consider an appropriate update, and a mechanism for harmonization with GACVS. The statements included in the application could be added to the list. This is an alternative to total removal of vaccines from the list.