

# “Regulatory Outlook in Latin America”

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# General Regulatory landscape in LATAM

## Regulatory Agencies in LATAM Recognized as Regional Reference Authorities by PAHO/WHO

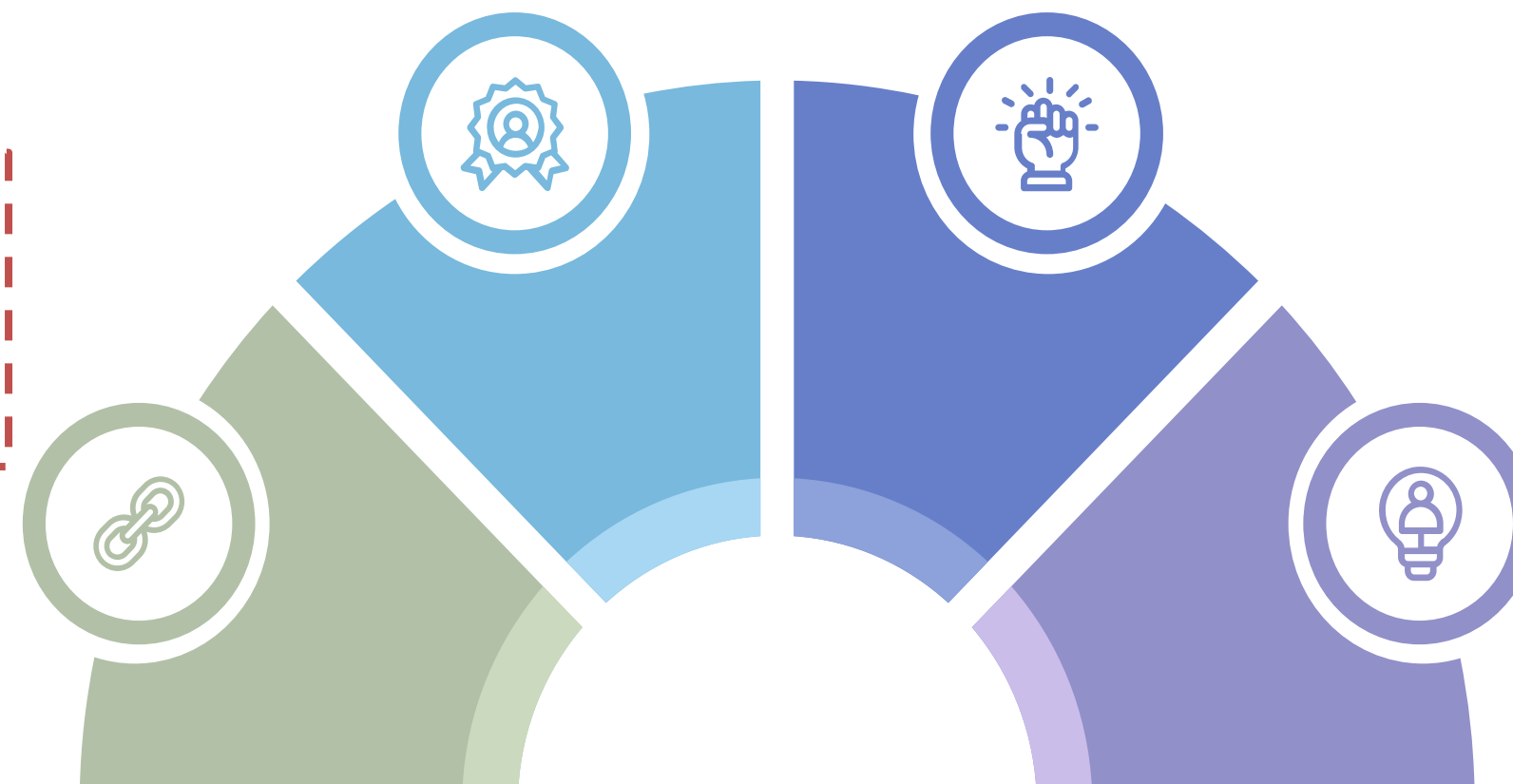




# General Regulatory landscape in LATAM

“They have achieved and advanced level of maturity in the regulation of medicines, GMP’s , Clinical studies, and pharmacovigilance.

“These agencies serve as examples of regulatory best practices and other innovations related to the region.



“They are responsible for ensuring the availability of safe, effective, and high-quality medicines and technologies.





- National Administration of Drugs, Foods and
- Medical Technology (ANMAT) was created in
- 1992, is an agency decentralized from the
- National Public Administration

[www.argentina.gob.ar/anmat](http://www.argentina.gob.ar/anmat)



Regulatory Agency Activity  
Medium

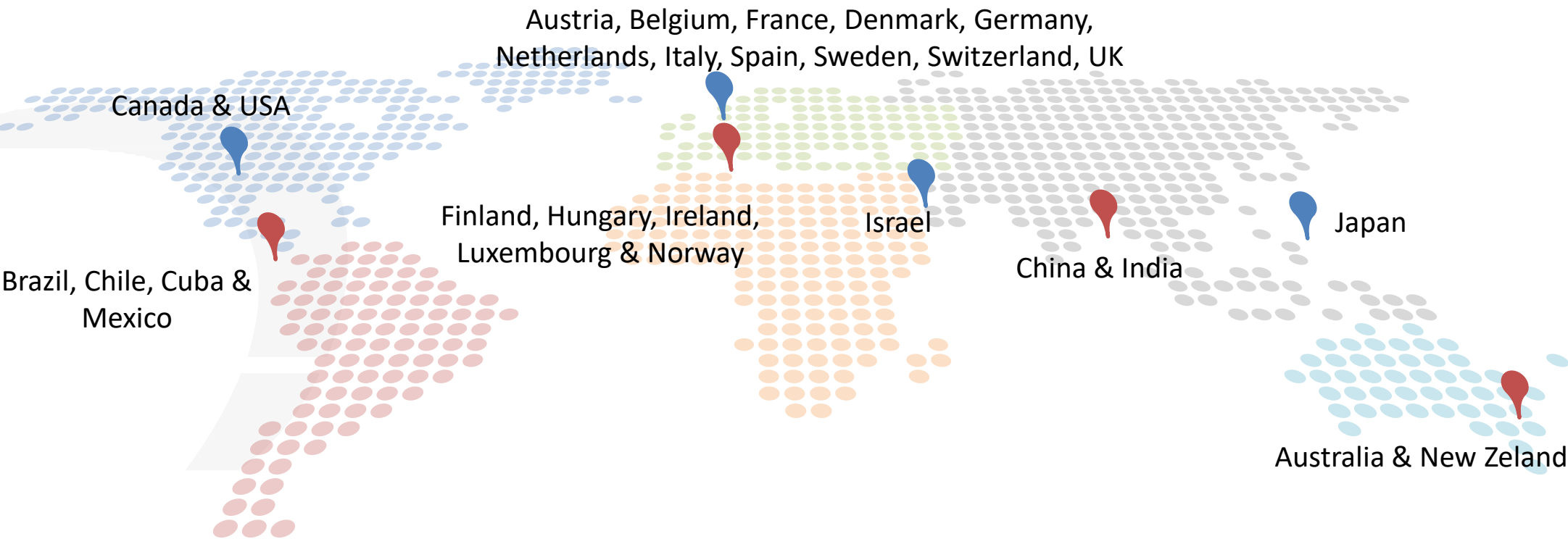


Legal Framework

- Decree 1490/92 – ANMAT
- Decree 150/92 – Classification
- Decree 4620/19 – Requirements Art.3
- Decree 4621/19 – Requirements Art.4
- Decree 2089/2018 – Commercialitation evidence
- Decree 7729/11 – Biosimilars
- Decree 9709/2019 – Batch release (Biologics)

Recognized countries (MA)

“High Sanitary Surveillance”  
Annex I (Decree 150/1992)



Language: Spanish

“Trust Level”  
Annex II (Decree 150/1992)



Fees

Annually updated  
Type of product

Categoría	Producto o asunto	Código	Trámite	Importe
Especialidades medicinales	Artículo 3° Decreto 150/1992 (TO 1993)	2000	Registro inicial - Artículo 3° Decreto 150/1992 (TO 1993)	\$ 513.000
Especialidades medicinales	Artículo 4° Decreto 150/1992 (TO 1993)	2001	Registro inicial - Artículo 4° Decreto 150/1992 (TO 1993)	\$ 664.800
Especialidades medicinales	Artículo 5° Decreto 150/1992 (TO 1993)	2002	Registro inicial - Artículo 5° Decreto 150/1992 (TO 1993)	\$ 1.497.000

Batch Release

First batch release – Decree 9709/2019  
Biologics, vaccines and radiopharmaceuticals

Stability

Biologics – Decree 7075/2011  
Generics – Decree 4620/19  
Aligned to ICH  
Zone - II

Technical Guidelines

Biosimilars – Decree 7729/11  
Decree 7075/11  
Decree 3397/2012  
First batch release – Decree 9709/2019

Price

Generics -50-70% cheaper than the reference  
Biosimilars – 15-30% cheaper than the reference

Validity of the MA: 5 years





ANMAT announces the appointment of its new head Luis Fontana has been appointed as the new head of ANMAT, with the aim of ensuring institutional continuity, strengthening technical leadership, and advancing toward more efficient and results-oriented management.

Submission of the Site Master File (AMS/SMF) to INAME This is done digitally via the TAD platform.

ANMAT updates the list of active pharmaceutical ingredients that must undergo bioequivalence/bioavailability studies





National Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA) was created in 1999 it is an autonomous agency but reports to the Ministry of Health

[www.gov.br/anvisa/pt-br](http://www.gov.br/anvisa/pt-br)



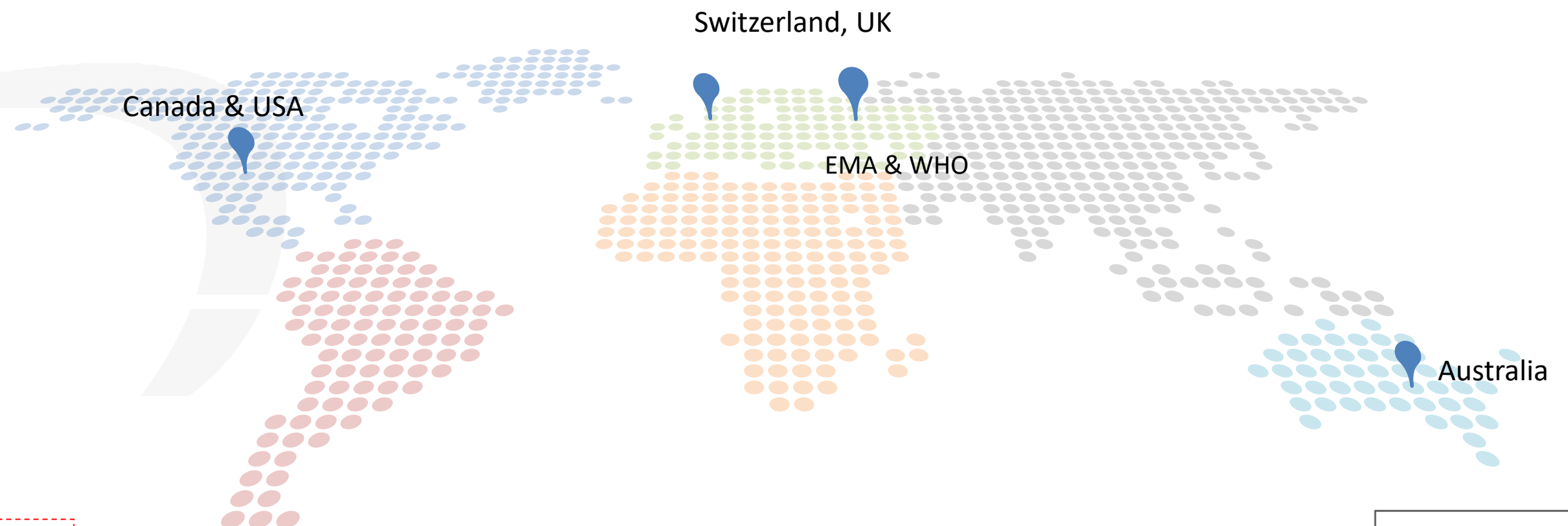
Regulatory Agency Activity High



## Legal Framework

RDC 199/2017 – medicines, biologics  
 RDC 753/2022 – Marketing Authorization Generics  
 RDC 55/2010 – Biotechnological products  
 IN 184/2022 – Clasification  
 RDC 831/2023 – Prescribing information  
 RDC 768/2022 – Labelling  
 RDC 875/2024 - Extrapolation  
 RDC 318/2019 – Stability (not biologics)  
 IN 289/2024 – Reliance MA  
 IN 292/2024 – Reliance GMP

## Recognized countries (MA)



Language: Spanish, English and Portuguese





Fees

RDC 198 / 2017  
Size company, type of product

Fundamentação Legal	Lei 6360, de 23/09/1976, Decreto 79.094, de 5/01/1977, RDC 55, de 16/12/2010, RDC 47, de 08/09/2009, RDC 71, de 22/12/2009, RDC 68, de 28/03/2003, RDC 305, de 14/11/2002, RDC 222, de 28/12/2006, RDC 197, de 12/12/2017, RDC 187, de 08/11/2017					
Fato Gerador	4014					
Valor de Taxa	Grande I R\$ 157.416,00	Grande II R\$ 133.803,60	Média III R\$ 110.191,20	Média IV R\$ 62.966,40	Pequena R\$ 15.741,60	Microempresa R\$ 7.870,80

Voltar



Agência Nacional  
de Vigilância Sanitária

Cold Chain Validation

- Guideline 2/2017 v.2
- Quality information from manufacturing site to final user
  - Variable Conditions as weather, customs delays, mechanical failures.
  - Temperature profile
  - Worst case study

Stability

Biologics – RDC 412/2020 aligned to ICH Q5C and complementary guidelines

Generics – 318/2019  
Guideline 28/2019 v1

Zone - IVb

Technical Guidelines

- Biosimilars – RDC 55/2010
- Reference drug – IN 875/2024
- Extrapolation – RDC 875/2024
- Biowaver – RDC 749/2022

Price

- Generics – 35-50% cheaper than the reference
- Biosimilars – 35% cheaper than the reference

Reliance		
Standard	IN 289/2024	IN 292/2024
Scope	<b>Marketing Authorization</b> API Medicines Biologics Vaccines	<b>Good Manufacturing Practices</b> API Cannabis Medicines Biologics
Levels	Optimized procedure Total application Partial application	Total Partial Mutual recognition
Agencies	EMA, Health Canada, OMS, Swissmedic, MHRA, US FDA, TGA	PIC/S, ICH, EMA
Mutual recognition	No	List of countries (Annex - IN 292/2024) Under Agreements between ANVISA and the Agency
Valid since	April 2024	June 2024



Validity of the MA: 10 years



- **ANVISA participates in International simulated exercise for responding to health emergencies (100 days Mission)** The goal is to have a vaccine ready within 100 days if a new health problem appears.”
- **ANVISA launches new digital form for international users.** The new electronic form aims at providing a direct channel for citizens and businesses outside Brazil, to make it easier for users to clarify questions and request information.







National Institute for Food and Drug Surveillance (INVIMA) was established in 1992 and depends on the Ministry of Health

[www.invima.gov.co](http://www.invima.gov.co)



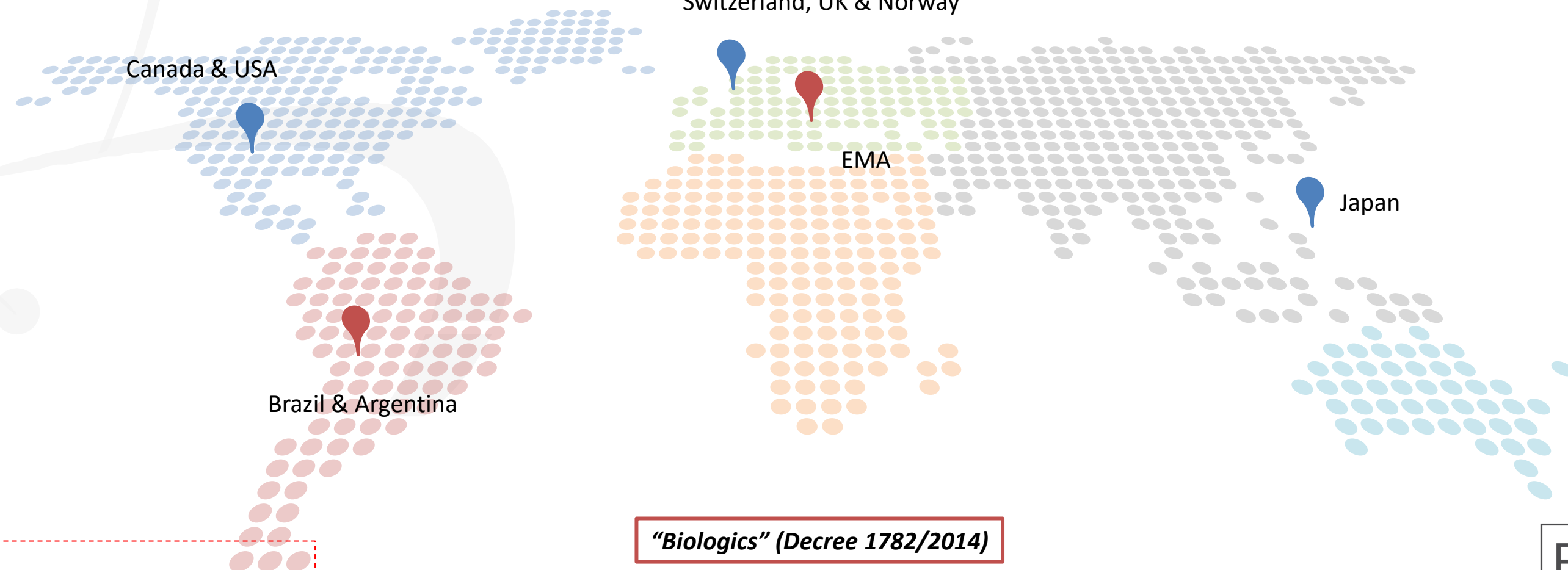
Regulatory Agency Activity Medium



## Legal Framework

Law 9/1979 – Marketing Authorization  
Decree 677/1995 – Marketing Authorization  
Decree 1782/2014 – Requirements  
Decree 1474/2023 – Renewal & Variations

### Recognized countries (MA)



### "Reference Countries"

Language: Spanish

"Biologics" (Decree 1782/2014)



## Fees

Annually updated

## Cold Chain Validation

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- Temperature profile

## Stability

Biologics –Decree 3690/2016  
Generics – Decree 3157/2018  
Zone - IV

## Technical Guidelines

Generics – BE – Decree 1124/2016, only applicable for the medicines listed  
Biosimilars – Decree 1950/2019

## Price

Generics – 30-80% cheaper than the reference  
Biosimilars – 30-60% cheaper than the reference



Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) was established in 2001 and is a decentralized organ of the Ministry of Health

[www.gob.mx/cofepris](http://www.gob.mx/cofepris)



Regulatory Agency Activity  
High



## Legal Framework

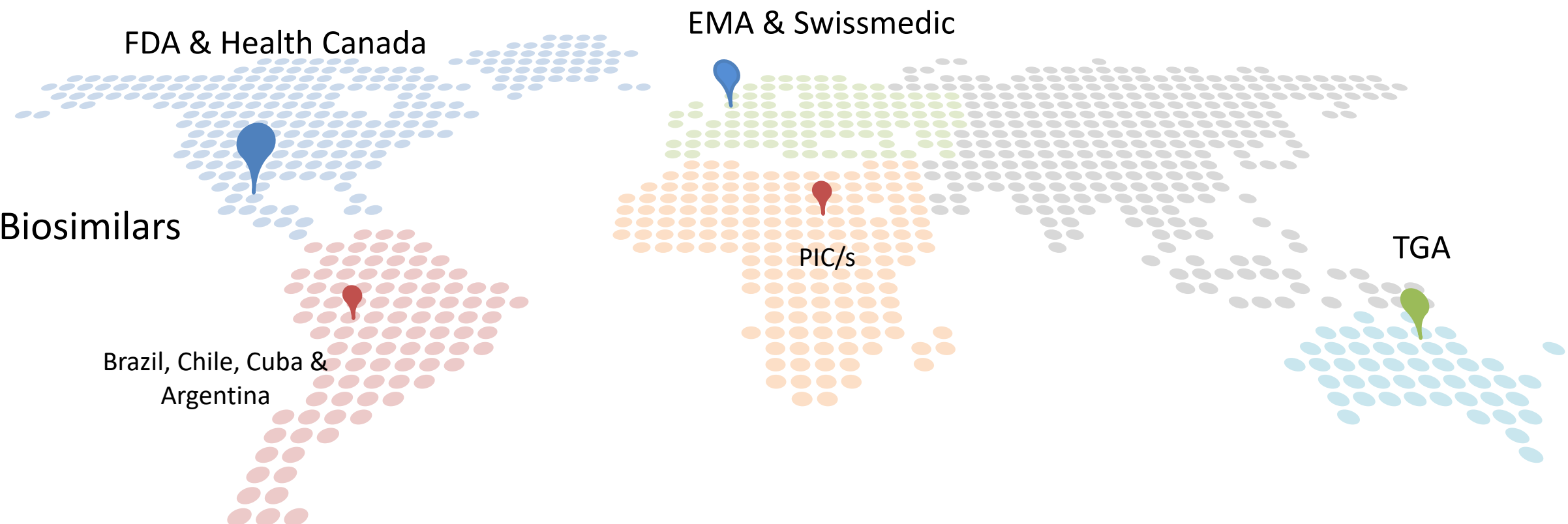
### *Recognized countries (MA)*

General Health Law

Regulation of Health Supplies

Official Mexican Standards:

- NOM-073-SSA1-2015 – Stability
- NOM-177-SSA1-2013 and its variations – Generics & Biosimilars
- NOM-059-SSA1-2015 and its variations – GMP
- NOM-072-SSA1-2012 - Labelling
- NOM-257-SSA1-2014 – Biotechnological products



Unilateral recognition



Registros sanitarios									
Insumos para la salud									
Descripción del servicio	Artículo L.F.D.	Clave de pago	Importe		Por modificación, renovación o prórroga a cada registro, pagará el <b>75 %</b> del derecho que corresponda.		Por modificación de la Razón o Denominación Social del titular del registro o cualquier otro cambio respecto al titular pagará el <b>50 %</b> de		
			Sin redondear	Redondeado	Sin redondear	Redondeado	Sin redondear	Redondeado	
Por la solicitud y en su caso, el registro de Medicamentos Alopáticos, se pagará por cada uno, el derecho conforme a las siguientes cuotas:									
Medicamento genérico	195-A-I-a	400107	\$106,958.50	<b>\$106,958</b>	\$80,218.87	<b>\$80,219</b>	\$53,479.25	<b>\$53,479</b>	
Medicamento molécula nueva	195-A-I-b	400107	\$191,247.58	<b>\$191,248</b>	\$143,435.68	<b>\$143,436</b>	\$95,623.79	<b>\$95,624</b>	



## Fees

Annually updated, Official gazette

Type of product

## Cold Chain Validation

- Official standard NOM-059
- Quality information from manufacturing site to final user
  - Variable Conditions as weather, customs delays, mechanical failures.
  - Temperature profile
  - Worst case study

## Stability

Official standard NOM-073

Zone – II (Zone III & IV are accepted)

## Technical Guidelines

Biosimilars – NOM-257-SSA1-2014

Reference drug – COFEPRIS web page

## Price

Generics – up to 80% cheaper than the reference

Biosimilars – 20-40% cheaper than the reference







COFEPRIS announces the appointment of its new head Dr. Victor Hugo Borja.

“COFEPRIS promotes regulatory improvement in the areas of medicines, herbal remedies and establishments”

“Health authorities advance actions for the implementation of NOM-262-SSA1-2024 on Good Clinical Practices. A pilot program is being promoted to authorize priority clinical research protocols in 45 days.

Validity of the MA: 10 years




## CAPITALIZE ON COFEPRIS RELIANCE

(ACUERDO DDF 16JUL25)

### FAST-TRACK YOUR MARKET ENTRY IN MEXICO

- 1** 45 BUSINESS DAYS FOR MEDICINES, 30 BUSINESS DAYS FOR MEDICAL DEVICES
- 2** MINIMIZED RISK THROUGH REFERENCE RECOGNITION
- 3** EARLIER MARKET POSITIONING




#### RELIANCE ASSURANCE

Gap Analysis between ARR dossier (FDA, EMA, etc.) and COFEPRIS requirements to ensure eligibility.



#### DOSSIER OPTIMIZATION

Perfect alignment of CTD modules with local requirements to avoid observations or rejections.



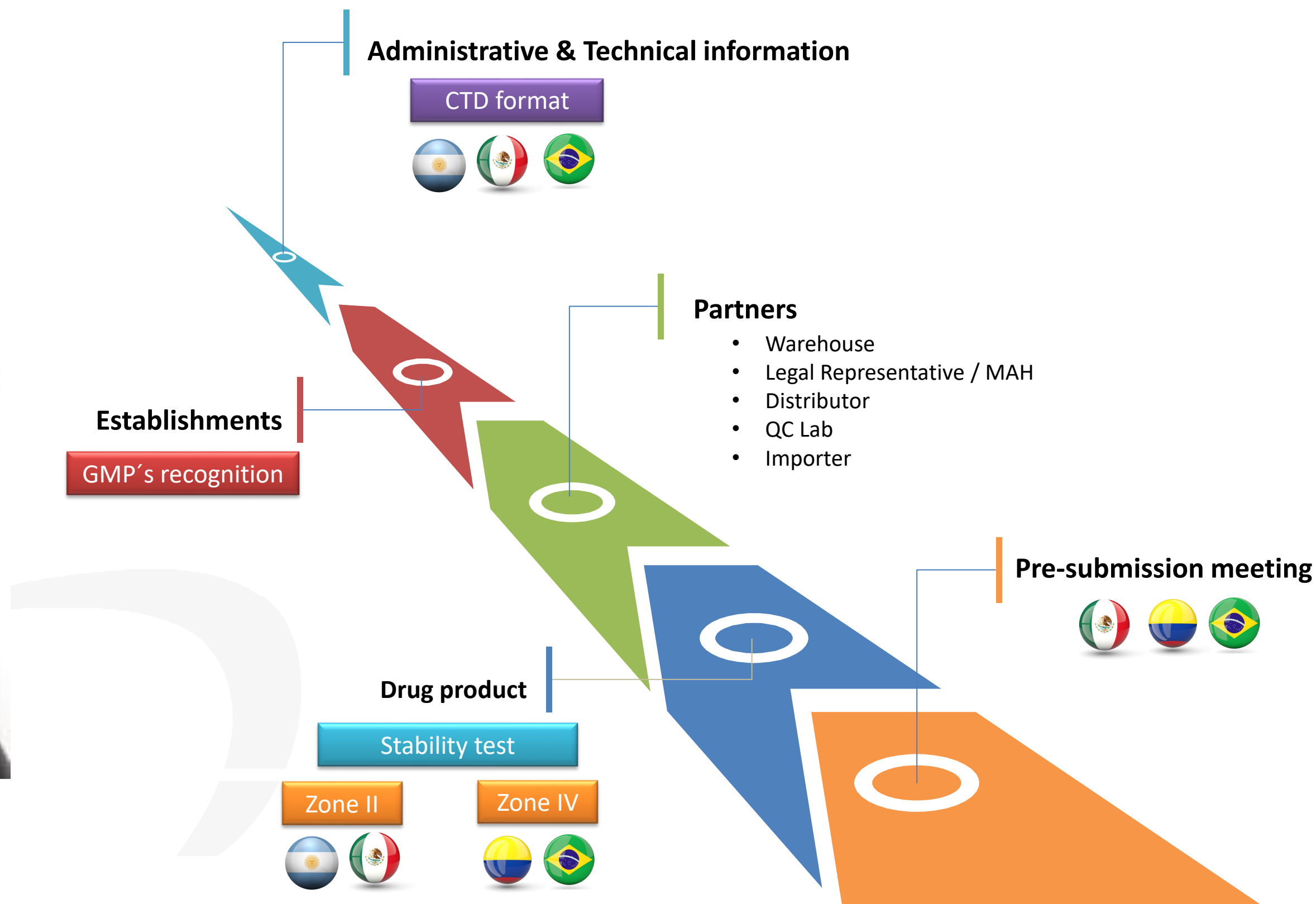
#### STRATEGIC SUBMISSION

Fast-track filing and monitoring to secure first-round approval.

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# Key Current Regulatory Trends



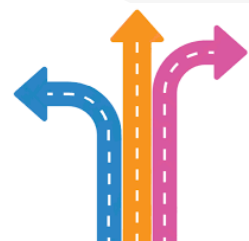
## Digitalization Initiatives

Introduction of electronic submission systems to streamline dossier evaluations

## Alignment with International Standards



Many LATAM countries are aligning with global regulatory frameworks (e.g., ICH guidelines, WHO recommendations)



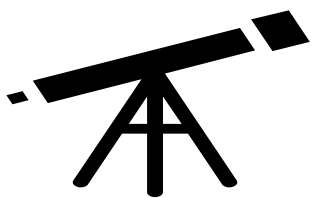
## Faster Access Pathways

Several countries offer expedited approval processes for priority medicines, orphan drugs, and innovative products; also, Simplified registration for products already approved in reference markets.



## Growing Market Demand

Increasing demand for innovative pharmaceuticals, generics, biologics, medical devices (ATMPs, Advanced Therapy Medicinal products)



## Patent Expiry Opportunities

Many high-cost biologics and branded medicines are nearing patent expiration, creating opportunities for biosimilars to capture market share

## Regulatory Instability

Frequent policy changes driven by political shifts can impact regulatory timelines and market access strategies

Inconsistent availability of regulatory data and unclear communication channels with authorities

## Approval Delays

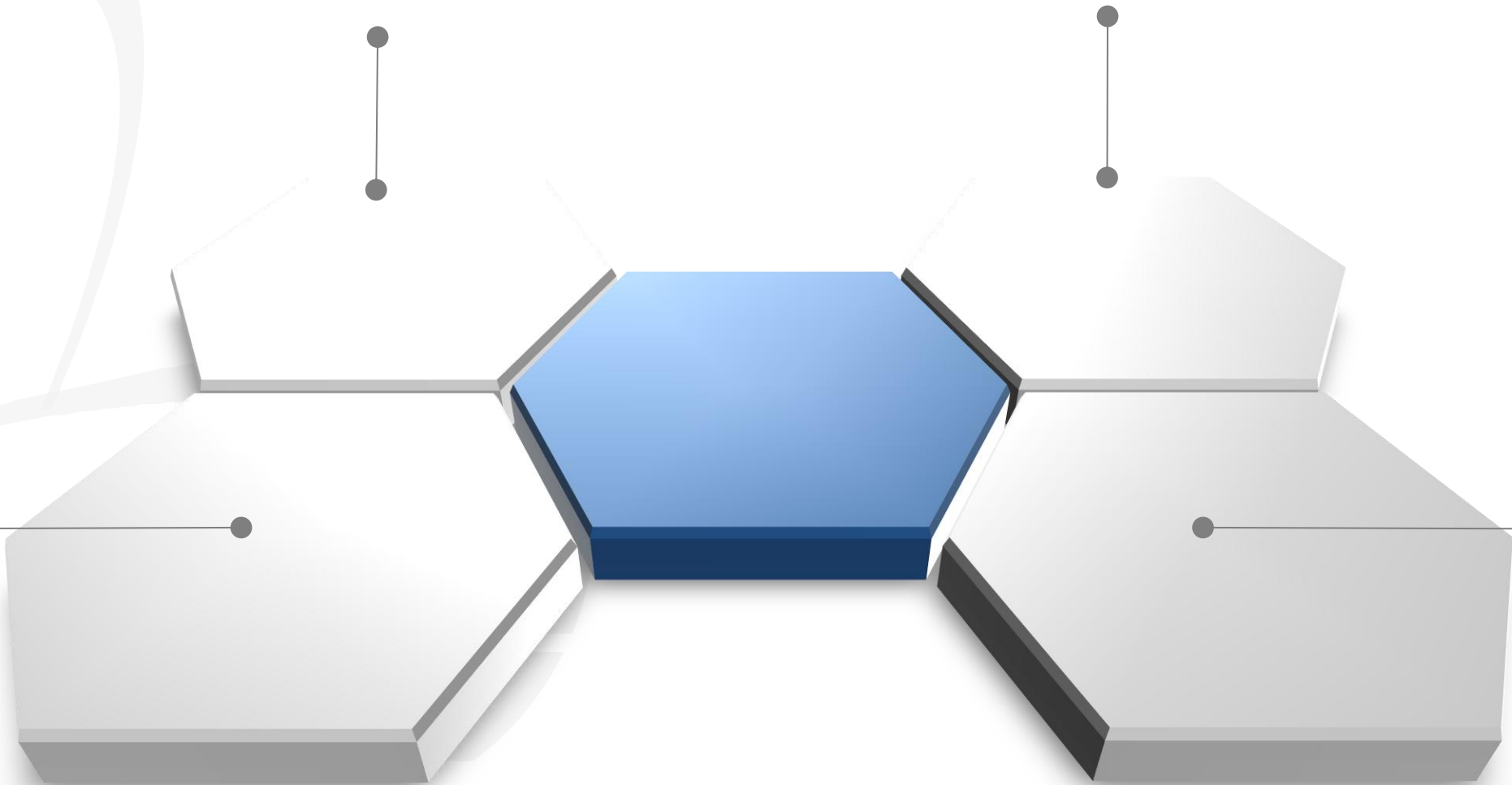
Prolonged review times in some countries due to limited resources or procedural inefficiencies.

## Documentation Requirements

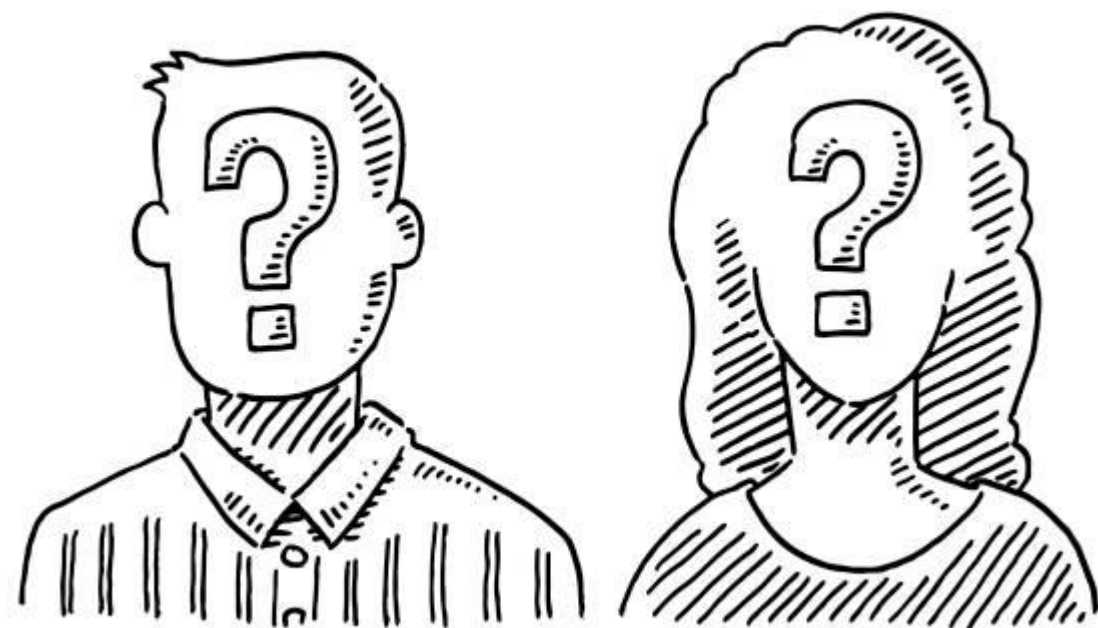
Country-specific formats for technical dossiers and local language translations.

## Limited Regulatory Capacity

Under-resourced regulatory agencies may struggle to manage increasing submission volumes



## Why it is important to enter the LATAM market?



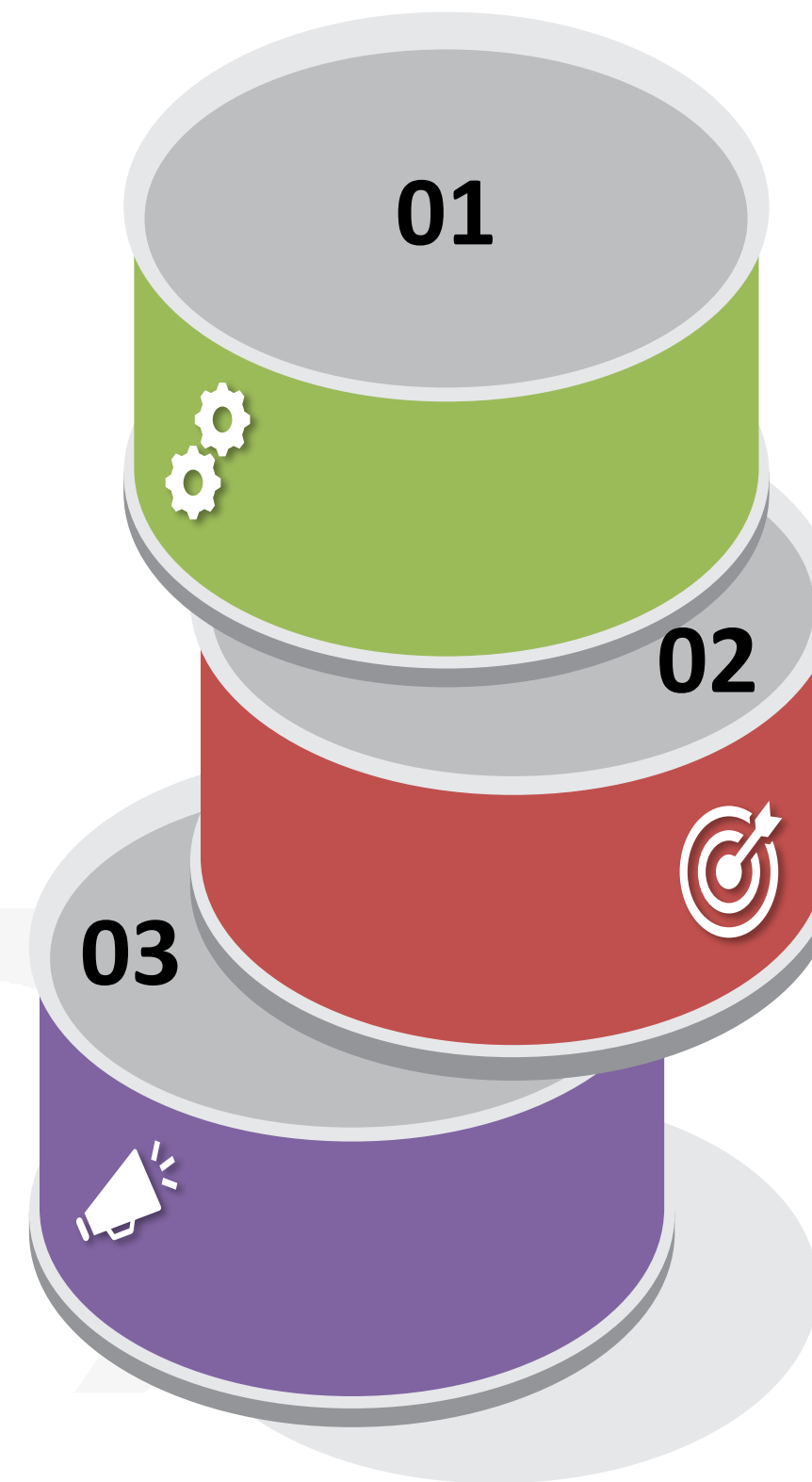


## 01 – Expansion into high-growth markets

Latin America is a high-growth pharmaceutical market, driven by a large population, a growing middle class, and rising demand in chronic diseases, oncology, mental health, and age-related therapies.

## 03 – Partnerships (public-private)

Latin American governments are looking for strategic partners to support:  
Vaccination programs, local production of essential medicines and clinical research initiatives.



## 02 – Technology and knowledge transfer

Enhancing healthcare systems while building scientific and industrial capacity across Latin America.



**Improved access to modern treatments for Latin American patients**



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