

**ROYAL PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
STATUTORY COMMITTEE**

**PRACTICE DIRECTION 02/05- Provision of documentary evidence to
Statutory Committee**

On 20th October 2005, the Chairman of the Statutory Committee (Lord Fraser of Carmyllie QC) issued the following Practice Direction:

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- 1. All documentary evidence upon which a party intends to rely must be lodged in bundles with the Secretary to the Statutory Committee, no later than 7 days before the Monday of the week in which the Statutory Committee will sit to consider the case.**
- 2. Parties must lodge 7 copies of the bundles with the Secretary to the Statutory Committee.**
- 3. Bundles must be paginated and clearly marked with the name of the party providing the bundle.**
- 4. Every effort should be made by the parties to agree the contents of the bundles before they are lodged, and to ensure that lodged bundles contain only material that is relevant to the issues under consideration.**
- 5. Where the contents of a party's bundle are not agreed by another party-**
 - a) such contents shall be placed in a separate bundle marked “Not agreed”; and**
 - b) the parties shall provide to the Secretary to the Statutory Committee, at the time of lodging, a statement from each party, setting out their respective views as to the reasons for and against the admissibility of the disputed bundle.**
- 6. The Chairman shall consider the statements on admissibility and may invite short oral submissions at the commencement of the hearing, before determining whether or not disputed bundles are to be admitted into evidence.**
- 7. Where a party has not complied with this practice direction, the Chairman shall require that party to give an explanation of the reasons for his failure to comply.**
- 8. Save in exceptional circumstances, the Committee shall not receive any documentary evidence that has not been submitted in accordance with the requirements set out in this practice direction.”**

Notes:

1. This direction will apply to hearings before the Statutory Committee commencing in December 2005, and to all subsequent hearings before the Statutory Committee.

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