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## Abbreviations

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ACM	Autoriteit Consument & Markt (Netherlands)
ACTA	Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement
AGPs	Antibiotic growth promoters
ALDE	Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe
AMR	antimicrobial resistance
ATMPs	Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products
AVMSD	Audiovisual Media Services Directive
BMI	body mass index
BSE	bovine spongiform encephalopathy
CARIFORUM	Caribbean Forum
CAT	Committee for Advanced Therapies
CCP	Common Commercial Policy
CD	communicable diseases
CDC	communicable disease control
CETA	EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement
CFREU	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union
CHAFEA	Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency
CJEU	Court of Justice of the EU
CMA	Competition and Markets Authority (UK)
CMPHU	Committee on Medicinal Products for Human Use
COMP	Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products
CORDIS	Community Research and Development Information Service
COREPER	Council's Committee of Permanent Representatives
CSR	Country-specific recommendation
DCFTA	Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement
DG	Directorate(s) General
DG MARKT	Directorate General for the Internal Market
DG SANCO/SANTE	Directorate General for Food and Health Safety
DSM	Digital Single Market

DSS	Digital support systems
ECDC	European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECPT	European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EDP	Excessive Deficit Procedure
EEA	European Environment Agency
EEC	European Economic Community
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
EGE	European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies
eHGI	European eHealth Governance Initiative
EHR	Electronic health record
EMA	European Medicines Agency
EMPL	European Parliamentary Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
ENVI	European Parliamentary Committee on Environment, Public Health, and Food Safety
EP	European Parliament
EPIET	European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training
EPP	European People's Party
ePs	electronic prescribing system
EPSCO	Employment, Social Policy, Health, and Consumer Affairs
ESIF	European Structural and Investment Funds
ESM	European Stability Mechanism
EU	European Union
EU12	The first 12 Member States of the EU
EUMR	The EU Merger Regulation
EWRS	Early Warning and Response System
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organisation
FCTC	Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FP	Framework Programme(s)
FRA	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GC	General Court
GDP	Gross domestic product
GM	Genetically modified
GMOs	Genetically modified organisms
GP	General practitioner
H1N1	a subtype of influenza A virus (aka 'swine flu')
H5N1	avian influenza
hESCs	Human embryonic stem cells
HFEA	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (UK)
HIV(/AIDS)	human immunodeficiency virus (/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome)
HSC	Health Security Committee
HSE	Health Service Executive (Ireland)
ICD	implantable cardioverter-defibrillator
ICH	International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use
ICT	Information and communication technologies
IHR	International Health Regulations
IMCO	European Parliamentary Committee on the Internal Market
IMI	Innovative Medicine Initiative
IPR	intellectual property rights
IPS	induced pluripotent stem (cells)
ISA	infectious salmon anaemia
IVF	in-vitro fertilisation
LGBT	lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender
lit	litera
MEP	Member of European Parliament
MoU	memorandum(s) of understanding
MPU	minimum price per unit
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MS	Member State(s)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCAs	National Competition Authorities
NCD	non-communicable disease
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NHS	National Health Service (UK)
nvCJD	new variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
NZa	Nederlandse Zorgautoriteit (National Healthcare Regulator)

OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OJ	Official Journal of the EU
OMC	Open Method of Coordination
OMP	orphan medicinal products
PA	prior authorisation
PACS	picture archiving and communication systems
PDA <sub>s</sub>	personal digital assistants
PHEIC	public health emergency of international concern
PLD	Product Liability Directive
PSO	Public Service Obligations
R&D	research and development
RAB	Rapid Alert system for Blood and Blood Components
RATC	Rapid Alert system for Human Tissues and Cells
S&D	Socialists and Democrats
SANCO	Directorate General for Food and Health Safety
SARS	severe acute respiratory syndrome
SGEI	services of general economic interest
SGP	Stability and Growth Pact
SME <sub>s</sub>	small and medium enterprises
SoHO	substances of human origin
SPC	Summary of Product Characteristics
SSFTA	EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement
STS	Science and Technology Studies
TATFAR	Transatlantic Taskforce on Antimicrobial Resistance
TBT	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
TCN	third-country nationals
TEU	Treaty on the European Union
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TiSA	Trade in Services Agreement
TNCO	tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide levels
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
TRIPS	Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TSE	transmissible spongiform encephalopathy
TTIP	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights

UK	United Kingdom
US	United States
VHS	viral haemorrhagic septicaemia
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organisation