

Appendix I Letter to the House of Representatives on the progress of the EMA's relocation

Today I sent the second written report on the construction of the EMA building to the European Parliament, the European Commission and the European Council. To keep the undertaking given during the meeting with the permanent parliamentary committee on health of 18 April 2018, I am also informing you today of the progress made regarding the relocation of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) to the Netherlands.

The EMA has been working from her temporary premises near Amsterdam Sloterdijk since 11 March 2019. The EMA was responsible for its relocation from London to Amsterdam and the move was completed smoothly. The staff and visitors have commented favourably on the first few weeks in the Netherlands. This was also noted during my visit to the EMA with EU health commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis. The Brexit referendum and the resulting need to relocate from London caused a lengthy period of uncertainty for the staff and organisation as a whole about their future. The move to the Netherlands has brought this uncertainty to an end.

It is of the utmost importance that the EMA has been able to continue its essential work concerning the authorisation of medicines for the European market without interruption here in the Netherlands. It could not have done so without its specialist staff. That is why the Dutch government and the municipality of Amsterdam have supported the EMA and its staff during the move from the United Kingdom to the Netherlands. The first 370 members of staff have already relocated to the Netherlands and the support provided to them has been brought to a conclusion. In total, more than 700 employees and their families are expected to move to the Netherlands. This number will include the 70 new staff members whom were recently engaged by the EMA on a permanent basis. Some staff have opted for personal reasons to delay their move to the Netherlands until later this year. To accommodate this group they will be offered personal assistance until the end of 2019.

The Netherlands is responsible for the EMA's smooth relocation from the

temporary premises to its new building in Amsterdam Zuidas. The removal plan being prepared with the EMA will minimise disruption to the agency's work. As indicated in the enclosed report, construction of the new building is progressing on schedule. Construction consortium EMA assures me that it will meet the final completion date of 15 November 2019.

Appendix II The second written report on the construction of the permanent building

EU Regulation 2018/1718 (amending the regulation establishing the EMA) concerning the EMA's seat required the submission of written quarterly reports on adaptations to the temporary premises and the construction of the permanent building. The second written report is enclosed. The first report was issued on 9 January 2019; it noted that subsequent reports would only consider the new building, as the temporary premises were completed on 1 January 2019.

Progress of the EMA building's construction (permanent location in Amsterdam Zuidas)

The previous report provided detailed information on the preparations for the construction of the new building. The present report considers the progress made in the past three months.

- The steel structure and composite slab floors of the conference centre have been completed.
- The steel structure and composite slab floors of the offices have progressed to the 7th floor and processed to the 9th floor.
- Temporary façades have been attached to the first three storeys so that heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, electrical and sprinkler systems and the like can be fitted, weather permitting. Building systems of this kind have been installed up to the 4th floor.
- Technical equipment areas have been created on the northern side of the ground floor and walls have been placed for the main spaces (industry lounge, press room, control room, meeting room, main equipment room).

- Façade elements are now being fitted on the eastern, northern and western exterior wall. At the eastern wall glazing has been placed to the 2nd floor.
- Stairs have been built in the core up to the 19th floor; grid floors are in place up to the 11th floor; composite slab floors in the core have progressed up to the 11th floor.

Progressing according to plan

- Construction of the permanent building is progressing according to plan.

More information

More information and images of the European Medicines Agency's move to the Netherlands can be found at www.relocatema.nl. The website also includes fact sheets on the EMA's move to the Netherlands, its new permanent building, the temporary premises and the staff.

The next progress reports are planned for July and October 2019.