

# USFDA to hold workshops across India on drug quality requirements

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THE US health regulator plans to conduct workshops across India in the next one year in order to sanitise Indian drug companies about the changing quality requirements in the American market.

The matter came up during a meeting between chief executives of various drug companies and US food and drug administration (USFDA) commissioner Margaret A Hamburg. Wockhardt chairman Habil Khoraki-

## Friendly move

- Plan to conduct workshops in India is part of the USFDA's strategy
- This move will let Indian firms be more aware about the changes happening in US
- USFDA has taken actions against Indian firms, restricting their shipments to the US

wala said "the plan to conduct workshops in India is part of the USFDA's strategy to let Indian companies be more aware about the changes happening in the US in terms of the requirement for quality."

"One of their (USFDA) objective is to sensitise here in India about these changes. In fact, the USFDA is planning a workshop over the next one year at 3-4 locations to clarify what are the new requirements and what

are the expectations of the USFDA", Khorakiwala told reporters here.

During the meeting, which was attended by chiefs of pharma companies including Ranbaxy CEO & MD Arun Sawhney, Sun Pharma founder & MD Dilip Sh-anghvi and Khorakiwala, the Indian delegation asked USFDA team to continue with the high level interactions.

"The second suggestion which was made and she (Hamburg) accepted is that this dialogue at the highest level should continue," Khorakiwala said here.

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