**APME position on the provision of meals virtual scientific events for healthcare professionals**

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APME hereby presents its position on the provision of meals during virtual scientific events for healthcare professionals. APME position is derived from and consistent with the relevant guidance material issued jointly by EFPIA, IFPMA and PhRMA (Joint Guidance on Virtual International Medical Congresses Impacted by COVID-19 and the Provision of Meals in Virtual Meetings by the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)). APME position is based on the aforementioned guidance material and the APME Ethics Code, but compliance with the Medicines Act and any internal rules remains to be assessed in detail by each member company.

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| **Type of event** | **Permission of meals** |
| Virtual event - lecturers speak online, healthcare professionals participate from the workplace seminar room together; | Meals are permitted, provided that the conditions of Article 10 of the RTL Code of Ethics and § 86 (6) of the Medicinal Products Act are met |
| Virtual event - lecturers speak online, healthcare professionals participate online from their offices (office); |
| "Hybrid event" - the event takes place in one city, in physical form (in some seminar rooms / conference centers), but some health care professionals from another city take part virtually, via the web; | Meals are permitted, provided that the conditions of Article 10 of the AMPE Ethics Code and § 86 (6) of the Medicinal Products Act are met, except if healthcare professionals participate online from their home or other location outside their work premises (see below). |
| Virtual event - lecturers present online, healthcare professionals participate online from their home or other location outside their work premises; | Meals are not allowed |