



EVM welcomes Commission initiative to create a European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Brussels, 23 July 2003 - The European Vaccine Manufacturers (EVM) welcome the European Commission's initiative to establish a European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. The new Centre represents a major step towards enhancing the Community's network of epidemiological surveillance to prevent and control communicable diseases. Furthermore, the Centre will strengthen existing national surveillance programmes of prevalent infectious disease

enlargement and continuous environmental changes, such a Centre should help Europe to become better prepared to deal with health threats. The recurrence of diseases like T.3987509.0007Tm(enlarg

working in close collaboration with Member States, WHO and third countries".

EVM considers that, although such a Centre will be based on the ample e

