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Biotechnological Product Assistance Project- from Bench to Brand

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“Biotechnological Product Assistance Project” is the main job of the Biotechnological Development Assistance Team to help manufacturers and researchers commercialize their items based on biotechnology. Korean government has invested a large amount of budget to biotechnological area and the ultimate goal is to have the original brand of a biotechnological product. Korea Food and Drug Administration which is in charge of product licensure has recognized its key role in this area and has instituted a number of activities aimed at easing the problems which occurs in approaching regulatory process. Biotechnological Development Assistance Team which was established in 2004 is the center for playing this mission. The team provides technical and other nonfinancial assistance to manufactures mainly small companies such as bioventures. These include response and advice to questions and needs, conducting educational workshops, developing informational materials. Especially, the team tries to more directly help the manufacturers through managing the “BT Help Desk.” The purpose of this body is to minimize and to solve the manufacturers’ problems as being an accessible and efficient channel to them. Any investigators who are interested in commercializing their products based on biotechnology, such as cell and gene therapy products, biochips, recombinant proteins, etc, can use this body anytime without any official procedure.