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European Union herbal monograph on *Carum carvi* L., aetheroleum

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1. Name of the medicinal product

To be specified for the individual finished product.

2. Qualitative and quantitative composition^{1,2}

Well-established use	Traditional use
	With regard to the registration application of Article 16d(1) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended <i>Carum carvi</i> L., aetheroleum (Caraway oil) i) Herbal substance Not applicable. ii) Herbal preparation Essential oil

3. Pharmaceutical form

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Herbal preparation in liquid dosage forms for oral use. Herbal preparation in semi-solid dosage forms for cutaneous use. The pharmaceutical form should be described by the European Pharmacopoeia full standard term.

4. Clinical particulars

4.1. Therapeutic indications

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Traditional herbal medicinal product for the symptomatic relief of digestive disorders such as bloating and flatulence.

¹The declaration of the active substance(s) for an individual finished product should be in accordance with relevant herbal quality guidance.

²The material complies with the Ph. Eur. monograph (ref.: 1817)

Well-established use	Traditional use
	The product is a traditional herbal medicinal product for use in the specified indication exclusively based upon long-standing use.

4.2. Posology and method of administration

Well-established use	Traditional use
	<p>Posology</p> <p>Oral use</p> <p><i>Adults and elderly</i></p> <p>Daily dose: 0.15-0.3 ml of the essential oil divided in 1-3 doses daily.</p> <p>The oral use in children and adolescents under 18 years of age is not recommended (see section 4.4 'Special warnings and precautions for use').</p> <p>Cutaneous use</p> <p><i>Infants, children, adolescents, adults and elderly</i></p> <p>Daily dose: 2 % semi-solid preparations to be applied once daily as a thin layer on the abdominal area.</p> <p>Duration of use</p> <p>If the symptoms persist longer than 2 weeks during the use of the medicinal product, a doctor or a qualified health care practitioner should be consulted.</p> <p>Method of administration</p> <p>Oral use.</p> <p>Cutaneous use.</p>

4.3. Contraindications

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to other plants of the Apiaceae (Umbelliferae) family (fennel, anise, celery, coriander and dill).

4.4. Special warnings and precautions for use

Well-established use	Traditional use
	<p>Cutaneous use</p> <p>The product should not be used on broken skin, around the eyes or on mucous membranes.</p> <p>Oral use</p> <p>The oral use in children and adolescents under 18 years of age has not been established due to lack of adequate data.</p> <p>The use in patients with liver disease, cholangitis, achlorhydria, gallstones and any other biliary disorders is not recommended.</p> <p>Oral and Cutaneous use</p> <p>If the symptoms worsen during the use of the medicinal product, a doctor or a qualified health care practitioner should be consulted.</p>

4.5. Interactions with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Well-established use	Traditional use
	None reported.

4.6. Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Well-established use	Traditional use
	<p>Safety during pregnancy and lactation has not been established. In the absence of sufficient data, the use during pregnancy and lactation is not recommended.</p> <p>No fertility data available.</p>

4.7. Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Well-established use	Traditional use
	No studies on the effect on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed.

4.8. Undesirable effects

Well-established use	Traditional use
	None known. If adverse reactions occur, a doctor or a qualified health care practitioner should be consulted.

4.9. Overdose

Well-established use	Traditional use
	No case of overdose has been reported.

5. Pharmacological properties

5.1. Pharmacodynamic properties

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not required as per Article 16c(1)(a)(iii) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended.

5.2. Pharmacokinetic properties

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not required as per Article 16c(1)(a)(iii) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended.

5.3. Preclinical safety data

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not required as per Article 16c(1)(a)(iii) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended, unless necessary for the safe use of the product. Adequate tests on reproductive toxicity, genotoxicity and carcinogenicity have not been performed.

6. Pharmaceutical particulars

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not applicable.

7. Date of compilation/last revision

7 July 2015