Racing Against COVID-19: An Introduction to China's Regulatory Fast-Track Processes

In response to the outbreak of a pneumonia-like disease caused by coronavirus (COVID-19), Chinese regulatory authorities adopted a few emergency measures under certain "Special Review and Approval Procedures" to fast-track the review and approval process for developing diagnostic kits, vaccines and therapies for combating COVID-19 infections. There are several types of "fast track" procedures available under the current Chinese regulatory framework. The most important three are Special Review and Approval Procedure of 2005, Special Review and Approval Procedure of 2007, and Priority Review and Approval Procedure of 2017, all of which are summarized in this alert.

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