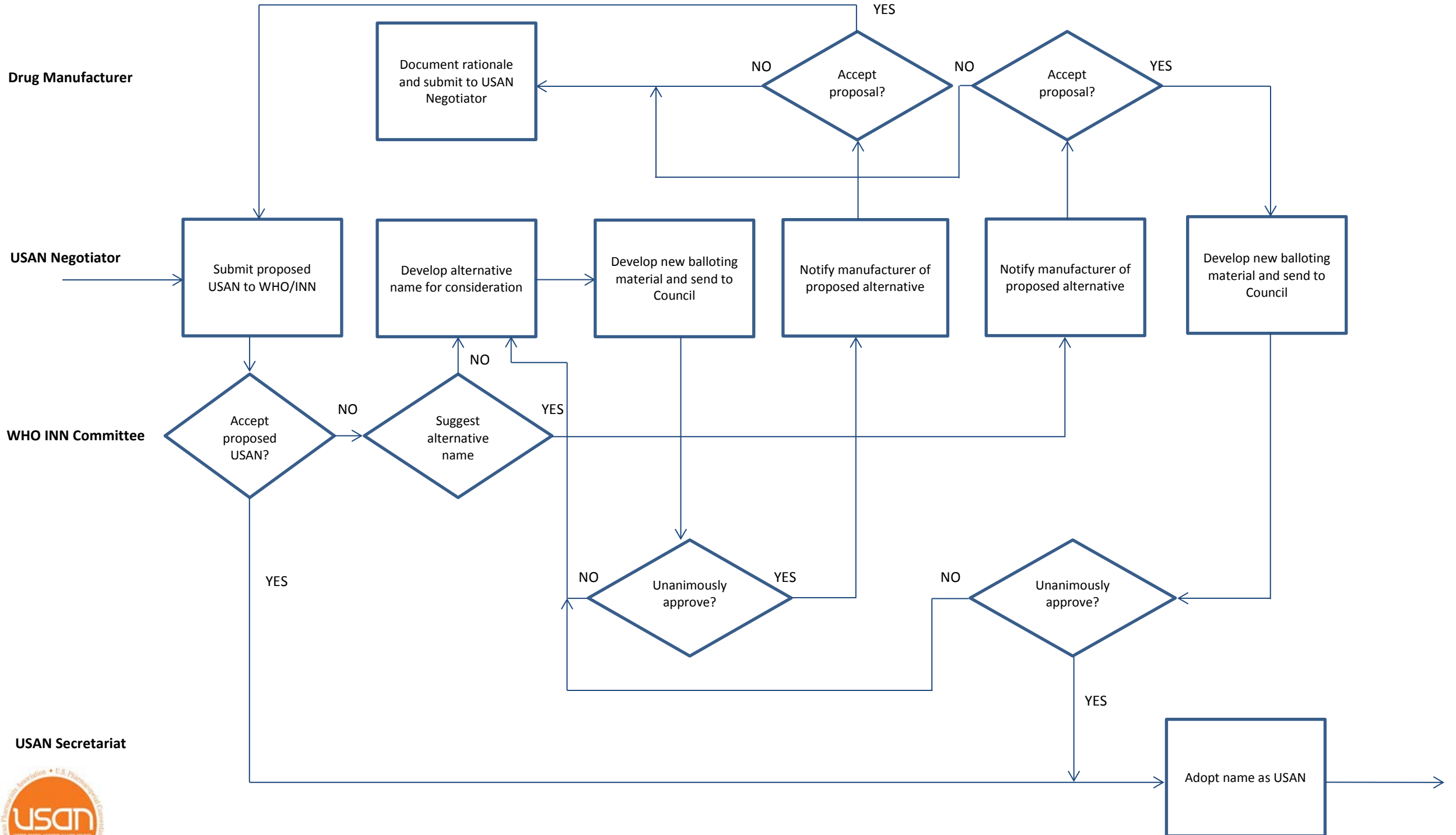


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## **Submit proposed USAN to WHO/INN**

Once a proposed adopted USAN is selected, the manufacturer will be notified and given the chance to accept or reject the Council's decision. Once the name is accepted and if applicable, the USAN negotiator then files INN application: [https://extranet.who.int/tools/inn\\_online\\_application/](https://extranet.who.int/tools/inn_online_application/) (including INN application fee) on behalf of manufacturer which includes appropriate background information to the WHO INN in Geneva, Switzerland via email and a FedEx hard copy.

## **INN Reviews Proposed USAN; Accept/Reject Proposed Name; Adopt Name as USAN**

The INN review process consist of the WHO Secretariat examining the suggested names for conformity with the INN nomenclature rules, for similarities with published INN and potential conflicts with existing names, including published INN and trade-marks. A note summarizing the result of the research is added and the request is subsequently forwarded to the INN experts for comments. Once all experts agree upon one name, USAN is informed of the selected name. The newly selected, pINN list (proposed INN) is then published, which indicates a deadline for a 4-month objection/comment period. This period is allowed for comments and/or objections to the published names to be raised. Two pINN's lists are published yearly. If no comments have been raised on the proposed name then it is moved to the final stage which is the rINN (recommended INN) list. Two rINN's lists are published yearly. If during the comment period the INN experts come up with a conflict, the INN will come up with another name to minimize conflict. The USAN Council is notified and at this point the USAN Council can accept the proposed changed name or suggest a new name. Majority of the times, in order to maintain harmony the USAN Council will accept the INN name; this minimizes the possibility and confusion of having two names for one compound.

pINN and rINN Lists: <http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/druginformation/innlists/en/>

## **Helpful hint:**

***When the proposed name is acceptable to the USAN Council, the manufacturer, and the INN Expert Committee it then becomes an Adopted USAN.***

