

CASE STUDY

How a regional pharmaceutical leader leveraged archiveIQ® to maintain compliance through divestiture

Designing a practical playbook for archiving legacy QMS data without disrupting operations

Project overview & background

During a recent divestiture, a global healthcare manufacturer (divesting organization) transferred ownership of a legacy manufacturing site to a regional pharmaceutical company (receiving organization). Both parties needed a secure, compliant way to retain and access historical quality management (QMS) records after the transaction.

The challenge

-  **Divestiture data bridge**
The receiving organization required access to essential historical QMS records, but direct migration and cross-network access were restricted.
-  **Data minimization & security**
Only site-relevant records could be shared, necessitating careful scrubbing of a full database copy.
-  **Contractual clarity**
Responsibilities for scripting, execution, security pathways, and delivery had to be clearly defined under standard agreements before any transfer.
-  **International project elements**
Templates and labels in multiple languages required additional planning and validation attention.

Key components & functionality delivered

The solution: Sikich Innovation LABS archiveIQ® solution.

Full copy, then scrub

The Divesting Organization produced a full copy of the legacy QMS database. The Sikich implementation team was brought in to develop and execute vetted SQL scripts, ensuring the database provided to the receiving organization contained only site-relevant records and configuration, removing all non-critical data.

Secure transfer & ingestion

The cleansed database export was securely delivered to the receiving organization and archived in archiveIQ®.

Future access

With archiveIQ® in place, authorized teams can search and retrieve historical records on demand without manually maintaining the legacy QMS.

Key business benefits delivered

Regulatory confidence

Long-term retention and controlled access support audits and inspections post-transaction.

Operational continuity

The receiving organization retained the historical data it needed to sustain quality operations.

Scalable data archival

archiveIQ's® flexible architecture allowed the organization to easily adapt the archival process for future divestitures or system transitions, supporting ongoing business growth and change.

Repeatable divestiture execution

By standardizing the divestiture playbook, the divesting organization established a repeatable process that can be efficiently applied to future transactions. This approach ensures consistent compliance and operational continuity across multiple divestitures, allowing the organization to manage legacy data transitions with confidence and minimal disruption.

Is your organization planning for an upcoming divestiture? Sikich is here to help.

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