

VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS (VMPs)

VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT, is any substance or combination of substances which fulfils at least one of the following conditions:

- it is presented as having properties for treating or preventing disease in animals;
- its purpose is to be used in, or administered to, animals with a view to restoring, correcting or modifying physiological functions by exerting a pharmacological, immunological or metabolic action;
- its purpose is to be used in animals with a view to making a medical diagnosis;
- its purpose is to be used for euthanasia of animals.

VMPs

MAY BE SUBJECT TO A VETERINARY PRESCRIPTION

MAY BE NOT SUBJECT TO A VETERINARY PRESCRIPTION

VMPs ALWAYS SUBJECT TO A VETERINARY PRESCRIPTION ARE:

- Those containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances, or substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of those drugs or substances;
- Antimicrobial VMPs;
- VMPs used for euthanasia of animals;
- VMPs containing active substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action or beta-agonists.

VMPs ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A VETERINARY PRESCRIPTION IF:

- The administration of the VMP is restricted to pharmaceutical forms requiring no particular knowledge or skill in using the products;
- The VMP does not present a direct or indirect risk, even if administered incorrectly;
- The summary of the product characteristics of the VMP does not contain any warnings of potential serious adverse events deriving from its correct use;
- Neither the VMP nor any other product containing the same active substance has previously been the subject of frequent adverse event reporting;
- There is no risk for public health as regards residues in food obtained from treated animals even where the veterinary medicinal product is used incorrectly.

WHEN CAN A VETERINARY PRESCRIPTION BE ISSUED?

- Only after a clinical examination or any other proper assessment of the health status of the animal or group of animals by a veterinarian;
- After a diagnosis of the infectious disease by a veterinarian for an antimicrobial medicinal product.

WHERE CAN AN ANIMAL KEEPER GET VMPs?

AT A VETERINARIAN:

- VMPs that are subject to a veterinary prescription;
- VMPs that are not subject to a veterinary prescription.

AT A REGISTERED RETAILERS - PHARMACIES:

- VMPs that are subject to a veterinary prescription only with a valid veterinary prescription;
- VMPs that are not subject to a veterinary prescription.

RETAIL OF VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS AT A DISTANCE:

- VMPs that are not subject to a veterinary prescription.



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