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To: All Veterinary Wholesale Dealers  
All veterinary Pharmacies  
All Veterinarians

**On the potential risk for the consumer resulting from the use of Diethanolamine (DEA) as an excipient in veterinary medicinal products for food producing species**

Following the Committee of Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use (CVMP) 's opinion on the potential risk for the consumer resulting from the use of Diethanolamine (DEA) as an excipient in veterinary medicinal products for food producing species, many Member States are suspending the Marketing Authorisation of products containing this excipient and even recalling it at wholesaler level.

Veterinary wholesale dealers and veterinarians who obtain veterinary medicinal products independent of a wholesale dealer are being requested to check whether any product for food producing species they stock contains Diethanolamine.

If the Marketing Authorisation of the product has been suspended in the Member State from where the product is being sourced the distribution or use of that product is to be suspended with immediately effect.

If the Marketing Authorisation of the product has not been suspended in the Member State from where the product is being sourced the distribution or use of that product can continue until further notice.

All veterinary wholesalers and veterinarians are requested to inform in writing the Veterinary Medicines Section within 15 days of the action they have taken ([Stephen.spiteri@gov.mt](mailto:Stephen.spiteri@gov.mt)). Nil replies will considered as 'no action taken'.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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