

DG Inspection/Dispensing Division/  
Medical stocks at Veterinarians Entity

## Modification of the veterinary prescriptions and the administration and supply document

Dear Sir or Madam,

On 28 January 2022, the [EU Regulation on medicinal products for veterinary use](#) entered into force. Among other things, this implies that veterinarians have the obligation to use a new model format for veterinary prescriptions.

### Veterinary prescriptions

The modification of veterinary prescriptions will be carried out in several phases.

#### Phase 1: from 28 January 2022 onwards

The veterinarian uses one of the two current models and includes the following information.

1. For two-part prescriptions (green/blue) that may only be used for non-food-producing animals:
  - **the identification of the animal** or groups of animals to be treated,
  - the **active substances** of the medicinal product,
  - the pharmaceutical form and strength,
  - the quantity prescribed or the number of packs and their pack size,
  - any warnings necessary to ensure the proper use including, where relevant, to ensure prudent use of antimicrobials,
  - mention 'cascade' for a medicinal product prescribed under the cascade system,
  - mention 'prophylaxis' or 'metaphylaxis' if it concerns an antimicrobial used for prophylaxis or metaphylaxis.
2. For three-part prescriptions (white / yellow / pink):
  - the **active substances** of the medicinal product,
  - the pharmaceutical form and strength,
  - the quantity prescribed or the number of packs and their pack size,
  - any warnings necessary to ensure the proper use including, where relevant, to ensure prudent use of antimicrobials,
  - mention 'cascade' for a medicinal product prescribed under the cascade system,
  - mention 'prophylaxis' or 'metaphylaxis' if it concerns an antimicrobial used for prophylaxis or metaphylaxis.

### Warning

Prescriptions for **antimicrobials** shall be valid for a **maximum of five days**.

For all other medicinal products, prescriptions shall be valid for a maximum of fifteen days if they concern food-producing animals and six months if they concern non-food-producing animals.

### What is meant by 'identification of the animal or group of animals'?

What allows for the most reliable distinction between the animal or animals to be treated.

### Definition of antimicrobials

Any substance with a direct action on micro-organisms used for treatment or prevention of infections or infectious diseases, including **antibiotics, antivirals, antifungals and anti-protozoals**.

#### Phase 2: upon publication of the Belgian model (date will be communicated later)

There will be a six-month transition period where the three models will co-exist:

- the new Belgian model,
- the old two-part Belgian model completed as requested in phase 1.
- the old three-part Belgian model completed as requested in phase 1.

#### Phase 3: at the end of the six-month transition period

Only the new Belgian model is valid.

Phase 4: the European Commission may, by means of implementing acts, set a model format for veterinary prescriptions

Upon publication of the implementing acts, only the European model shall be valid.

### **Administration and Supply Document (ASD)**

The modification of the ASD will take place in several phases.

#### Phase 1: from 28 January 2022 onwards

The veterinarian uses the current model and includes the following information:

1. If the ASD serves to keep record of the medicinal products leaving the veterinarian's depot:
  - the pharmaceutical form and the strength of the medicinal product,
  - the batch number,
  - the marketing authorisation (MA) number,
  - the contact details of the veterinarian who administers or supplies the medicinal products.
2. Mention 'cascade' for a medicinal product used under the cascade system.
3. Mention 'prophylaxis' or 'metaphylaxis' if it concerns an antimicrobial used for prophylaxis or metaphylaxis.

#### Phase 2: after publication of the new model of the ASD (date will be communicated later)

There will be a six-month transition period where the two models will co-exist:

- the new model of the ASD,
- the old model of the ASD completed as requested in phase 1.

#### Phase 3: at the end of the six-month transition period

Only the new model for the ASD shall be valid.

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