



# Ecotoxicology studies Return of experience from Veterinary pharmacy

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# Legal and regulatory background



# Legal background

Directive 2001/82/EC

-Amended by Directive 2004/28/EC,

- In application since November 2005



All studies are conducted according to GPL requirement



# Regulatory Background / Guidelines

## VICH Topic GL6

- Phase I : CVMP/VICH/592/98-Final



## VICH Topic GL38

- Phase II: CVMP/VICH/790/03-Final



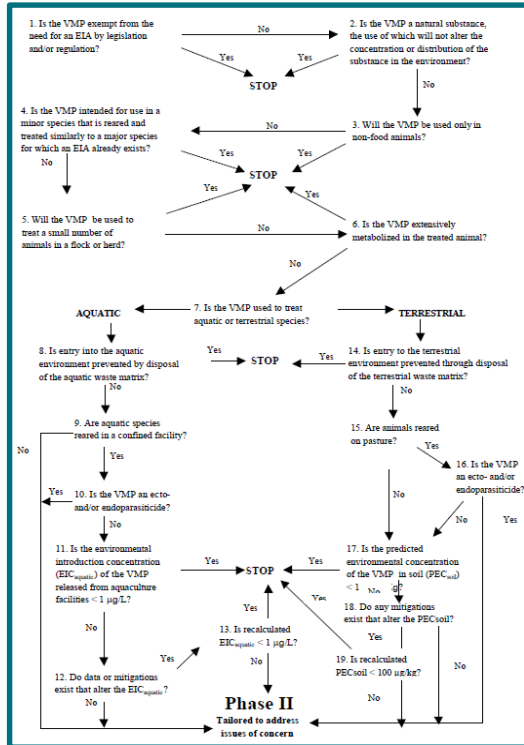
VICH Guideline – Step by Step Assessment



# Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) in Vet Medicine



# PHASE I - Decision tree



Question on the product to decide on the need of an experimental risk assessment:

Q3: Non-food animals?

Q7: Use to treat aquatic or terrestrial species?

Q16: Ecto- or endoparasiticide for pasture animals?

Q17: Predicted concentration in soil  $\leq 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ ?

Q18: Do any mitigation exists that alter the PEC<sub>soil</sub> ?

Major concern : endocrine potential?

# PHASE I - Exposure scenarios



**Non-food animals**



**Intensively reared animals**

**Aquaculture**

**Pasture animals**



# Phase I: conclusion



- PEC soil upper than 100 µg/kg
- PEC discharge, water upper than 1 µg/L
- The product is parasiticide
- Substances of high concern



PEC: predicted environmental concentration

# Phase II – Tier A - Testing

- Physical-Chemical Properties Studies

- Environmental Fate Studies

  - PEC calculation

- Effects Testing (acute exposure)

  - Aquatic Effect Studies

  - Terrestrial Effect Studies



# Phase II – Tier A – Risk quotient approach

$$\text{Risk Quotient (RQ)} = \text{PEC}/\text{PNEC}$$

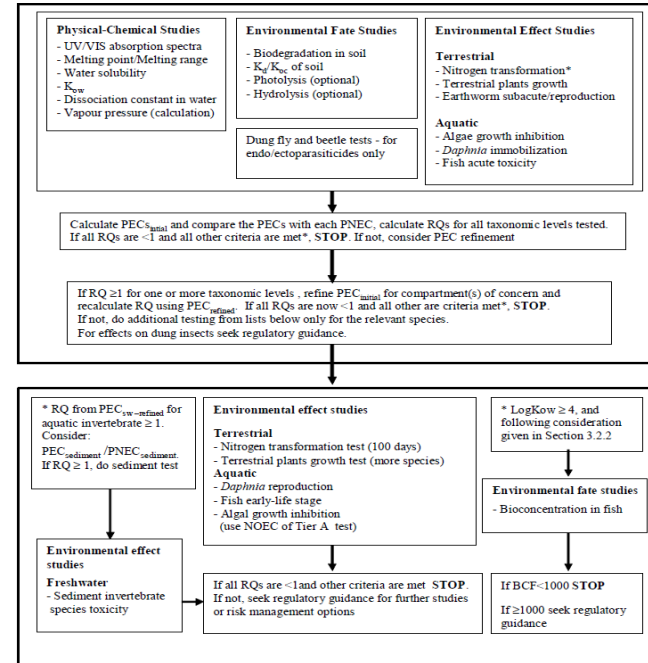
PEC: predicted environmental concentration

PNEC: predicted no effect concentration

## Endpoint for unacceptable risk:

- RQ  $\geq 1$  or effect  $\geq 25\%$  soil microorganism
- RQ for aquatic invertebrates  $\geq 1$
- Log K  $\geq 4$
- PEC<sub>groundwater</sub>  $\geq 0.1 \mu\text{g/L}$

Figure 3. Decision tree/Flow diagram for VMPs used for pasture animals



# Phase II – Tier B - Testing

## Environmental Fate Studies

Bioconcentration in fish study

PBT substances

Risk assessment of secondary poisoning



## Effects Testing: Chronic exposure

Aquatic: Reproduction/full life cycle Test/behaviour/growth inhibition

Sediment: Reproduction

Terrestrial: Reproduction

# Conclusion: Risk Mitigation Measures

## **Mitigate exposure of the veterinary medicinal product to the environment**

- Be in line with agricultural practice
- Be in agreement with the legislation of the EU and its Member States
- Be possible to demonstrate the effect of the proposed risk mitigation measure by re-evaluating the exposure assessment with the proposed risk mitigation measure included

Source: (EMA/CVMP/ERA/418282/2005-rv1)



# Summary of main concerns observed

## **Parasiticides:**

dung insects, aquatic invertebrates, protozoa, worms in soil, and surface water, PBT (persistent, bioaccumulate and toxic).

## **Antibiotics:**

algae and plants, potential accumulation in soil, groundwater, microbial antibiotic resistance.

## **Hormones:**

fish, molluscs, invertebrates and birds, reproduction, behaviour and intersex



# Veterinary Medicine Product (VMP): Benefice-Risk Balance



# Legal documentation



London, 20 April 2009  
EMA/CVMP/248499/2007

**COMMITTEE FOR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS FOR VETERINARY USE  
(CVMP)**

**RECOMMENDATION ON THE EVALUATION OF THE BENEFIT-RISK BALANCE OF  
VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS**

<b>ADOPTION BY CVMP FOR RELEASE FOR CONSULTATION</b>	12 September 2007
<b>END OF CONSULTATION (DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS)</b>	31 March 2008
<b>ADOPTION BY CVMP FOR RELEASE FOR SECOND CONSULTATION</b>	16 October 2008
<b>END OF CONSULTATION (DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS)</b>	31 January 2009
<b>ADOPTION BY CVMP</b>	17 April 2009
<b>DATE FOR COMING INTO EFFECT</b>	1 November 2009

<b>KEYWORDS</b>	<i>Benefit-risk, risk assessment, benefit</i>
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CVMP decision on market authorization following benefit risk analysis.





# Benefice-Risk Balance

name of product	active substance	year of referral	divergent opinions on	decision on overall (environmental) risk benefit profile
<b>Article 33(4) referrals<sup>a</sup></b>				
Ecomectin oral paste	ivermectin	2008	ERA incomplete	positive
Enro-K, Unisol 10% oral solution	enrofloxacin	2009	risk for aquatic and terrestrial compartment	positive
Fenflor, Shotaflo 300 mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	florfenicol	2009	different opinions regarding exposure assessment	positive
Cevazuril 50 mg ml <sup>-1</sup> oral suspension	toltrazuril	2010	ERA incomplete	positive
Pharmasin 100% w/w water soluble granules	tylosin	2010	risk for aquatic and terrestrial compartment, ERA incomplete	negative owing to lack of data
Prontax	doramectin	2012	ERA incomplete	positive
Deltanil	deltamethrin	2013	ERA incomplete	positive
Strenzen 500/125 mg g <sup>-1</sup> powder	amoxicillin + clavulanic acid	2013	ERA incomplete	positive
Suifertil 4 mg ml <sup>-1</sup> oral solution	altrenogest	2013	ERA incomplete	positive
<b>Article 35 referrals<sup>b</sup></b>				
	toltrazuril	2008	risk for terrestrial compartment and for groundwater	positive
	doramectin	2013	risk for aquatic compartment, dung fauna, PBT assessment incomplete	positive

<sup>a</sup>Article 33(4) of Directive 2001/82/EC, as amended ('referral following disagreement at the coordination group on a mutual recognition and decentralized procedure').

<sup>b</sup>Article 35 of Directive 2001/82/EC, as amended ('referral of issues raised with regard to a product or a class of products which is of community interest').



# C670: Review of an ERA



# Description of our product

- Injectable solution for cattle, dairy cow
- Subcutaneous injection at a dose of 0.2 mg/kg bw
- Endo and ecto-parasiticide



# Phase I

Q3: Non-food animals?

- NO (cattle, dairy cow)

Q16: Ecto-or endoparasiticide for pasture animals?

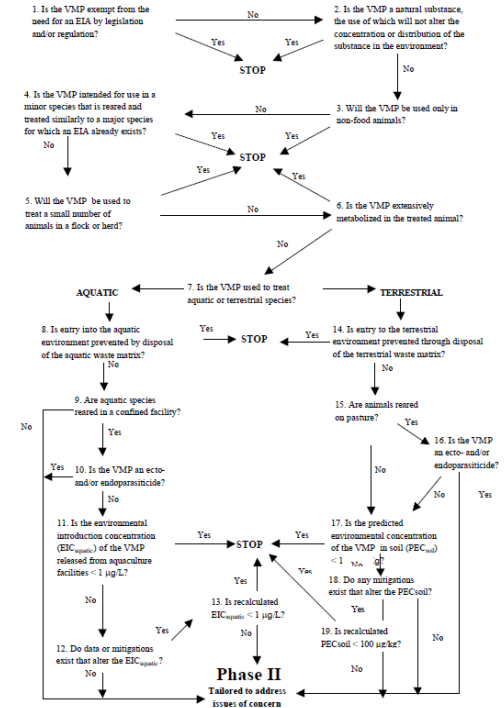
- YES

Q17: Predicted concentration in soil  $\leq 100 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ ?

- Highest PEC:  $1.17 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$

Major concern: endocrine potential?

- NO



# Phase II - Tier A – Summary of available data

Physical-Chemical Properties

Fate and behaviour

Metabolism and excretion,

Degradation in soil, Adsorption in soil

Toxicity:

Soil organisms: plants, Earthworm, Dung organisms

Aquatic organisms: Rainbow trout, Daphnia flea, algae (*Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata*)

# Phase II – Tier A – Results

LogK = 5.7

Compartment	Non-target organism	PEC	PNEC	RQ Value	Conclusion
<b>Intensively reared animals – Dairy cow</b>					
Soil	Micro-organisms	0.642 µg/kg	-	-	No unacceptable risk
	Earthworms		4.664 µg/kg	0.138	No unacceptable risk
	Plants		0.5247 µg/kg	1.22	Tier B refinement
<b>Pasture – Dairy cow</b>					
Soil	Micro-organisms	0.56 µg/kg	-	-	No unacceptable risk
	Earthworms		4.664 µg/kg	0.12	No unacceptable risk
Groundwater	-	0.000618 µg/L	-	-	No unacceptable risk
Surface water (run-off scenario)	Algae	0.000206 µg/L	89.9 µg/L	2.29E-06	No unacceptable risk
	Invertebrates		2.66E-04 µg/L	0.77	No unacceptable risk
	Fish		0.566 µg/L	3.64E-04	No unacceptable risk
Dung	Dung Fly	3.33 mg/kg wwt	9.41E-05 mg/kg	35407	Tier B refinement
	Dung Beetle		5.12E-03 mg/kg	651	Tier B refinement
Surface water (direct excretion scenario)	Algae	0.14 µg/L	89.9 µg/L	1.56E-03	No unacceptable risk
	Invertebrates	0.001032 µg/L	2.66E-04 µg/L	3.88	Excretion data refinement
	Fish	0.14 µg/L	0.566 µg/L	0.25	No unacceptable risk
Sediment (direct excretion scenario)	Invertebrates	0.664 µg/kg dwt	0.171 µg/kg dwt	3.88	Excretion data refinement

# Phase II – Tier B - Summary of available data

Bioaccumulation in fish

PBT assessment

Risk from secondary poisoning

Soil:

PNEC plants, Dung dwelling organisms

Aquatic:

Chronic exposure of *Chironomus riparius*

Chronic exposure of *Daphnia magna*

# Phase II – Tier B – Results

**C670 is not a PBT substance**

**C670 have not unacceptable risk**

- For secondary poisoning
- For plants
- For aquatic invertebrates

Compartment	Non-target organism	PEC	PNEC	RQ Value
<b>Intensively reared animals – Dairy cow</b>				
Soil	Micro-organisms	0.642 µg/kg	-	No unacceptable risk
	Earthworms		4.664 µg/kg	0.14
	Plants*		<b>1.749 µg/kg</b>	<b>0.37</b>
<b>Pasture – Dairy cow</b>				
Soil	Micro-organisms	0.56 µg/kg	-	No unacceptable risk
	Earthworms		4.664 µg/kg	0.12
Groundwater	-	0.000618 µg/L	-	No unacceptable risk
Surface water (run-off scenario)	Algae	0.000206 µg/L	89.9 µg/L	2.29E-06
	Invertebrates	0.000206	2.66E-04 µg/L	0.77
	Fish	0.000206 µg/L	0.566 µg/L	3.64E-04
Dung	Dung Fly	<b>0.154 mg/kg wwt</b>	<b>9.41E-05 mg/kg</b>	<b>1632<sup>a</sup> (4.61% dose excreted on day 7) 30<sup>b</sup></b>
	Dung Beetle		<b>5.12E-03 mg/kg</b>	<b>(4.61% dose excreted on day 7)</b>
Surface water (direct excretion scenario)	Algae	0.14 µg/L	89.9 µg/L	1.56E-03
	Invertebrates	<b>0.000245 µg/L</b>	<b>2.66E-04 µg/L</b>	<b>0.92 (based on maximum daily PEC<sub>dung</sub>)</b>
	Fish	0.14 µg/L	0.566 µg/L	0.25
Sediment (direct excretion scenario)	Invertebrates*	<b>1.158 µg/kg dwt</b>	<b>0.092 µg/kg dwt</b>	<b>1.72 (based on maximum daily PEC<sub>sediment</sub>)</b>



# Risk Mitigation Measures proposed

A risk mitigation measure is to keep treated animals away from in-field water bodies for up to 7 days.

The mitigation plan proposed is:

In line with agriculture practice,

In line with the legislation of Europe and its member states

Possible to demonstrate effect by re-evaluation of exposure assessment.



# Human Medicine Product and Veterinary Medicine Product



# Scope and legal basis

Directive 2001/83/EC

Guideline EMEA/CHMP/SWP/4447/00 corr 2

Question-and-answer document EMA/CHMP/SWP/44609/2010 Rev. 1

Concept paper EMA/CHMP/SWP/65429/2016



# Class of medicines and potential Risk

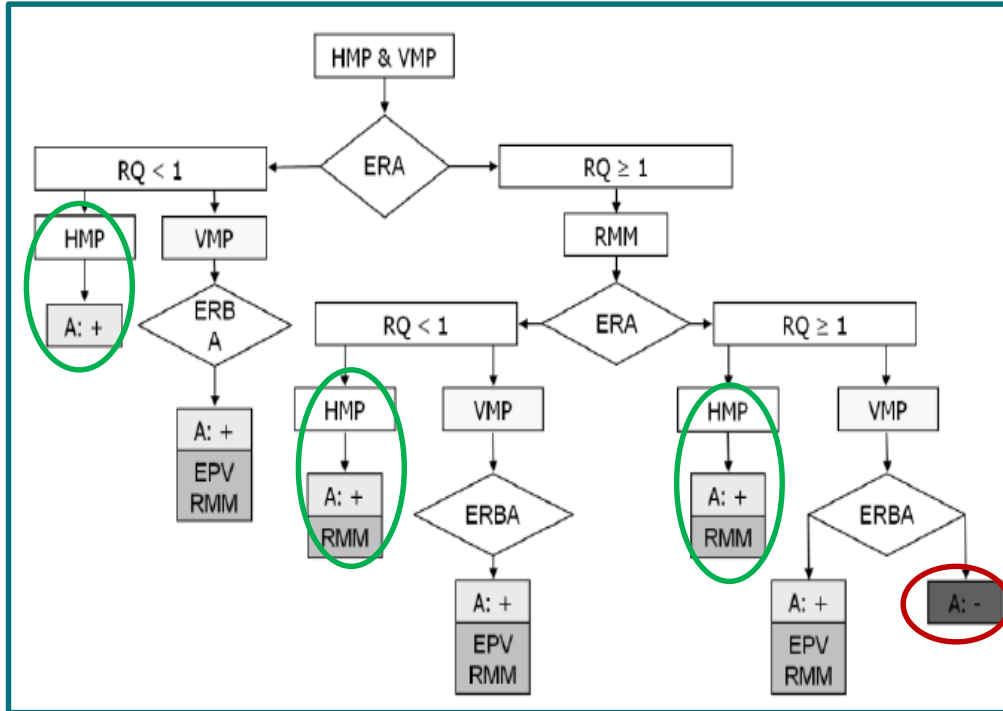
Human Medicinal Product

Hormones,  
Antibiotics,  
Analgesics,  
Antidepressants,  
Antineoplastics

Veterinary Medicinal Product

Hormones,  
Antibiotics,  
Parasiticides

# Market authorization



ERA: environmental risk assessment  
A: authorization: (+) granted; (-) refused  
ERBA: environment risk-benefit assessment  
EPV: eco-pharmacovigilance  
RMM: risk mitigation measure

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# Conclusions

**The environmental risk assessment** is quite similar between veterinary medicine and Human medicine

**Risk-benefit analysis** in Human medicine doesn't take into account environmental risk.

**Environment exposure** is more complex in vet medicine but the application of mitigation plan allow to control it. Implementation of new technical solutions could be applied in sewage plant to control the environment exposure with human medicine product.



Thank a lot for your attention

