



AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES

The British Equine Veterinary Association believes that the widest selection of medicines must be available for veterinary surgeons to treat horses, to alleviate or prevent suffering, both now and in the future. The availability of medicines is governed by both national and European law. Legislation must also allow and encourage the continuing development and introduction of new medicines in the future. Reciprocity of drug registration throughout the European member states is desirable.

The British Equine Veterinary Association acknowledges that under European law the horse is classified as a food-producing animal. It recognises that consumer protection with regard to food safety is important. BEVA welcomes the revision of the Horse Passports regulation requiring all foals born after 1st July 2009 to be permanently identified by microchipping or other approved method as this will ensure traceability of individual animals.

BEVA strongly supports the measures that have been implemented to maintain an appropriate selection of equine veterinary medicines for the treatment of horses, including the provisions of the Cascade, the Essentials List (1950/2006/EC) and the 2009 revision to the Maximum Residue Limits Regulations (2377/90/EU).

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