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BEEKEEPING EDUCATION MODULES

Use of Veterinary Medicines in Beekeeping

These presentations are funded by the Scottish Government as part of Scotland's Honey Bee Health Strategy

Aims and Objectives



- ▶ To ensure beekeepers are aware of:
 - ▶ Their legal responsibilities for usage of medicinal products.
 - ▶ What can and cannot be used
 - ▶ How to report concerns of illegal use of medicines, products or any other substance.



Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013



Products used for treatment of bees are veterinary medicine products. The VMD establishes the rules for applying the products.



A list of approved medicines can be found in the links at the end of the presentation.



They are governed by the Veterinary Medicine regulations and beekeepers are subject to their compliance.



Any product used for treatment is considered a medicinal product. Only VMD approved products can be used.

Authorised Veterinary Products



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Product Information Database

This website contains current information about veterinary medicines authorised in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Product details are subject to change. Once approved by the VMD, the updated Summary of Product Characteristics (SPCs) that supplies the label text will be available here almost immediately. However, it may take up to 12 months for these changes to appear on marketed packaging.

If you are concerned about any differences seen, please contact the Authorisation / Registration holder or VMD

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The links below provide a snapshot of the Product Information Database data available for download.

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Search Criteria

Your search will return relevant results under each heading for 'Current Authorised Products', 'Expired Products', 'Suspended Products', 'Registered Homeopaths' and 'Specified Feed Additives', please navigate to the required tab. Please note the search results will default to the 'Current Authorised Products' tab.

Product Name

MA Holder

Distributor

VM Number

Species

- Guinea Fowl
- Guinea Pigs
- Hamsters
- Hares
- Hawks
- Honey Bees
- Horses
- Lizards
- Lumpsucker

Therapeutic Group

Active Substance

Authorisation Route

Pharmaceutical Form

Distribution Category

What do you need to record?

➤ When buying

1. The name of the product and the batch number;
2. The date of acquisition;
3. The quantity acquired;
4. The name and address of the supplier.

➤ When administering

1. The name of the product;
2. The date of administration;
3. The quantity administered;
4. The withdrawal period;
5. The identification of the animals treated.

➤ When disposing

1. The date of disposal;
2. The quantity of product involved; and
3. How and where it was disposed of.

Veterinary Medicines Regs – Record Keeping



- **All these records must be maintained for at least 5 years even if the bees are no longer kept or have died during the period.**
- **You must provide these records if asked to do so by a Bee Health Inspector**

Reporting concerns with medicine usage or potential risks to public health through residues.

- ▶ We ask all beekeepers to be responsible, promote good practice and be guardians of the industry.
- ▶ You can report any concerns about medicine misuse to the **VMD**
 - ▶ Report illegal animal medicines - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
 - ▶ You can submit an anonymous report through:
 - ▶ the online reporting form and selecting the anonymous option
 - ▶ our telephone “Hotline” on 01932 338 338

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- ▶ Whether you are a member of the public or working within the food and drink sector, you can report food crime anonymously in one of the following ways:
 - ▶ Call the Scottish Food Crime Hotline (0800 028 7926), in partnership with Crimestoppers. The hotline is free and anonymous.
 - ▶ You can also submit information using the online webform.
 - ▶ If you would prefer to speak with a Food Crime team member in confidence, you can email foodcrime@fss.scot.

Disposal of medicines

Please ensure that spent medicines, eg, varroacides are disposed of responsibly and in accordance with the product information.

- Synthetic pesticide strips, such as Amitraz, may still contain active ingredients and must be kept away from water sources.
- Any waste with remnants of thymol should be discarded at a waste disposal center as thymol is not suitable for household waste.
- The VMD approved Oxalic treatments, MAQS and Formic Pro, are **compostable** and can be placed in compost piles, but should be **kept away from water sources**, such as streams or ponds.

Figure 30: Synthetic pesticide strips applied to a colony in autumn



VMD LINKS

[Veterinary Medicine Regulations 2013](#)



[Veterinary Medicine Database](#)



[Fact 28 Veterinary Medicine Administration Record.pdf](#)



SBA Record sheet

[TDS-number-12-Veterinary-treatment-record.pdf](#)

Resources available: Scottish Government

Contact: Bees_Mailbox@gov.scot

[Scottish Honey Bee Health Legislation](#)



[The Honey \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015](#)



Resources available: Scottish Government and SRUC



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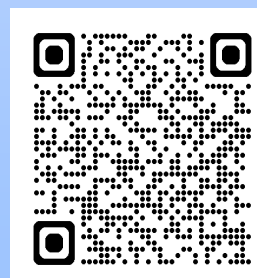
[Scottish Government Honey Bee Health Strategy 2022-2032](#)



[Scottish Government Honey Bee Implementation Plan](#)



[SRUC Bee Podcasts](#)



Resources Available – Others

[Scottish Beekeepers Association](#)



[Bee Farmers Association](#)



[BeeBase – Information for Scottish Beekeepers](#)





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