

Prescribing and Dispensing of Pest Control Products by Veterinarians

The ABVMA has received questions about prescribing and dispensing of pest control products by veterinarians and has information to share from Health Canada.

No Extra-Label Use

Any medication that is registered under the *Pest Control Products Act (PCP Act)* cannot be used in an extra-label manner. This includes species of animal that the medication is approved for.

There are considerable fines for doing so: see [section 46\(3\) of the PCP Act](#).

All pesticides must be registered before they can be imported, manufactured, sold or used in Canada. The term 'pesticides' refers to a multitude of pest control methods that include herbicides for weed control, fungicides for the control of plant diseases, insecticides and repellents to control insects, rodenticides to control rodents, electronic devices to control insects or rodents, sanitation products to control bacteria and viruses in pools and spas, special preservatives for wood, structural materials and other products, biochemicals and non-conventional products. Registration under the *PCP Act* requires a thorough scientific evaluation to determine that new pesticides are acceptable for a specific use and that registered pesticides remain acceptable for use once on the market. If Canadians choose to use pesticides, they can only use a pesticide registered by the federal government for the pests and treatment areas listed on the label, and use them according to the label directions.

Veterinarians are allowed to use products with a Drug Identification Number (DIN) in an extra-label manner. However, veterinarians cannot use pesticides in an extra-label manner and instead when prescribing a medication for lice, ticks, etc., where there is no pesticide labeled for the treatment must search for a DIN product rather than a medication controlled under the *PCP Act*. Pesticide labels contain a *registration number Pest Control Products Act* rather than a DIN.

Subdividing exception

Under most circumstances the practice of subdividing a pest control product from its original container or package is a contravention of the *PCP Act*. Pest control products may only be stored or sold in their original packaging, with the acceptable registered label. Pest control products must not be divided into smaller units to ensure that they are packaged safely and that the user will have access to the registered label instructions. An exception to these regulations has been made for certain pest control products available for sale at veterinary facilities. The [Information Note: Distribution of Pest Control Products by Veterinarians](#) from Health Canada provides further explanation of the conditions and lists the pest control products that are allowed to be separated and sold individually to customers.

PCP Act: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/P-9.01/page-8.html#h-19>

[Information Note: Distribution of Pest Control Products by Veterinarians](#)

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This information note is to provide clarification on the requirements for the distribution of certain pest control products by veterinarians.

For pest control products noted in Appendix 1 available for at veterinary facilities, Health Canada – Pest Management Regulatory Agency-, will allow the product to be separated and individual tubes to be distributed to customers provided the following conditions are adhered to:

1. Boxes containing these products are labelled with the approved product label.
2. Individual tubes are labelled with the approved tube label.
3. The insert label component of the approved product label must be provided with each individual tube sold to customers.

Appendix 1: (As of November 28, 2018)

| Registration Number | Registrant Name | Product Name |
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| 25127 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE 55 FLEA AND LICE ADULTICIDE FOR DOGS 8 WEEKS AND OLDER WEIGH |
| 25128 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE 9 FLEA ADULTICIDE FOR CATS 8 WEEKS AND OLDER WEIGHING 4 KG A |
| 25129 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE 18 FLEA ADULTICIDE FOR CATS 8 WEEKS AND OLDER WEIGHING OVER |
| 25130 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE 10 FLEA AND LICE ADULTICIDE FOR DOGS 8 WEEKS AND OLDER WEIGH |
| 25131 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE 100 FLEA AND LICE ADULTICIDE FOR DOGS 8 WEEKS AND OLDER WEIG |
| 25132 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE 20 FLEA AND LICE ADULTICIDE FOR DOGS 8 WEEKS AND OLDER WEIGH |
| 27581 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE II SMALL DOG |
| 27582 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE II LARGE DOG |
| 27583 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE II MEDIUM DOG |
| 27584 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE II EXTRA LARGE DOG |
| 27585 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE II SMALL CAT |
| 27586 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE II LARGE CAT |
| 27658 | BAYER INC. | K9 ADVANTIX 10 FLEA, TICK, MOSQUITO AND LICE ADULTICIDE |
| 27659 | BAYER INC. | K9 ADVANTIX 100 FLEA, TICK, MOSQUITO AND LICE ADULTICIDE |
| 27660 | BAYER INC. | K9 ADVANTIX 55 FLEA, TICK, MOSQUITO AND LICE ADULTICIDE |
| 27661 | BAYER INC. | K9 ADVANTIX 20 FLEA, TICK, MOSQUITOS AND LICE ADULTICIDE |
| 31517 | BAYER INC. | ADVANTAGE II KITTENS |
| 29777 | BAYER INC. | K9 ADVANTIX II SMALL DOG |
| 29778 | BAYER INC. | K9 ADVANTIX II MEDIUM DOG |
| 29779 | BAYER INC. | K9 ADVANTIX II EXTRA LARGE DOG |
| 29780 | BAYER INC. | K9 ADVANTIX II LARGE DOG |
| 31307 | FUSION ANIMAL HEALTH INC. | PRIMIDACIDE <4 KG |
| 31308 | FUSION ANIMAL HEALTH INC. | PRIMIDACIDE <4.5 KG |

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| 31309 | FUSION ANIMAL HEALTH INC. | PRIMIDACIDE 4.6-11 KG |
| 31310 | FUSION ANIMAL HEALTH INC. | PRIMIDACIDE >4 KG |
| 31311 | FUSION ANIMAL HEALTH INC. | PRIMIDACIDE >25 KG |
| 31312 | FUSION ANIMAL HEALTH INC. | PRIMIDACIDE 11-25 KG |
| 31507 | BRITE RIDGE PHARMACEUTICALS INC. | BARRIER 9 |
| 31508 | BRITE RIDGE PHARMACEUTICALS INC. | BARRIER 10 |
| 31509 | BRITE RIDGE PHARMACEUTICALS INC. | BARRIER 18 |
| 31510 | BRITE RIDGE PHARMACEUTICALS INC. | BARRIER 55 |
| 31511 | BRITE RIDGE PHARMACEUTICALS INC. | BARRIER 100 |
| 31512 | BRITE RIDGE PHARMACEUTICALS INC. | BARRIER 20 |
| 31980 | WELLMARK INTERNATIONAL | ZODIAC INFESTOP TOPICAL SOLUTION FOR CATS 4 KG AND UNDER |
| 31982 | WELLMARK INTERNATIONAL | ZODIAC INFESTOP TOPICAL SOLUTION FOR DOGS 4.5 KG AND UNDER |
| 31983 | WELLMARK INTERNATIONAL | ZODIAC INFESTOP TOPICAL SOLUTION FOR DOGS BETWEEN 4.6 AND 11 KG |
| 31984 | WELLMARK INTERNATIONAL | ZODIAC INFESTOP TOPICAL SOLUTION FOR CATS OVER 4 KG |
| 31985 | WELLMARK INTERNATIONAL | ZODIAC INFESTOP TOPICAL SOLUTION FOR DOGS OVER 25 KG |
| 31986 | WELLMARK INTERNATIONAL | ZODIAC INFESTOP TOPICAL SOLUTION FOR DOGS BETWEEN 11 AND 25 KG |
| 32016 | NORVET SUPPLIES INC. | PRO-SHIELD 10 FLEA ADULTICIDE |
| 32017 | NORVET SUPPLIES INC. | PRO-SHIELD 9 FLEA ADULTICIDE |
| 32018 | NORVET SUPPLIES INC. | PRO-SHIELD 20 FLEA ADULTICIDE |
| 32019 | NORVET SUPPLIES INC. | PRO-SHIELD 100 FLEA ADULTICIDE |
| 32020 | NORVET SUPPLIES INC. | PRO-SHIELD 18 FLEA ADULTICIDE |
| 32021 | NORVET SUPPLIES INC. | PRO-SHIELD 55 FLEA ADULTICIDE |
| 32567 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | PREVENTIC TOPICAL SOLUTION EXTRA LARGE DOG |
| 32573 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | ECTOSHIELD TOPICAL SOLUTION MEDIUM AND LARGE CAT |
| 32574 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | ECTOSHIELD TOPICAL SOLUTION SMALL CAT |
| 32581 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | ECTOSHIELD TOPICAL SOLUTION SMALL DOG |
| 32584 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | ECTOSHIELD TOPICAL SOLUTION EXTRA LARGE DOG |
| 32585 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | ECTOSHIELD TOPICAL SOLUTION MEDIUM DOG |
| 32586 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | PREVENTIC TOPICAL SOLUTION LARGE DOG |
| 32588 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | PREVENTIC TOPICAL SOLUTION MEDIUM DOG |
| 32589 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | PREVENTIC TOPICAL SOLUTION SMALL DOG |
| 32590 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | ECTOSHIELD TOPICAL SOLUTION LARGE DOG |
| 33173 | CAN-VET ANIMAL HEALTH SUPPLIES LTD | BUGWACKER FLEA PROTECTOR 9 |
| 32567 | VIRBAC CORPORATION | PREVENTIC TOPICAL SOLUTION EXTRA LARGE DOG |