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## MONOVALENT BLUETONGUE VACCINE (TYPE 2)

Reg. No. G 2988 (Act 36/1947)

Freeze-dried monovalent vaccine containing live attenuated bluetongue virus strain 2 for the prophylactic immunisation of sheep against bluetongue.

**Store vaccine in a refrigerator at 4 °C to 8 °C.  
Do not use after the expiry date printed on the bottle.**

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE

Immunisation of ewes should commence 4 weeks before mating. Rams should be inoculated after the mating season. Inject lambs from immunised ewes at the age of six months and older. If done at an earlier age lambs must be revaccinated at the age of six months. Sheep must be vaccinated annually.

N.B.: The vaccine will not necessarily stimulate a complete immunity in all animals and additional measures must necessarily be taken to ensure protection of sheep against bluetongue during the time of the year when the risk of transmission of infection by biting insects is greatest. Animals should be kept away from low-lying areas and next to rivers, dams and pans and valuable animals should be stabled during late afternoon, night and early mornings.

### HANDLING AND PREPARATION OF THE VACCINE

The active ingredient of the vaccine is in the form of a powder or pellet in a small bottle. By means of a sterile syringe, transfer approximately 1 ml of the 100 ml sterile diluent to the bottle containing the freeze-dried vaccine. Mix thoroughly until the powder is dissolved and then transfer this suspension back to the remaining sterile diluent and again mix well by means of the sterile syringe. The vaccine is now ready for use and must be injected without delay.

### WARNINGS

Vaccinate healthy animals only.  
Keep out of reach of children uninformed persons and animals.  
It is not advisable to inject pregnant ewes during the first half of pregnancy.  
Although this product has been extensively tested under a large variety of conditions, failure thereof may ensue as a result of a wide range of reasons. If this is suspected, seek veterinary advice and notify the registration holder.

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

**Use only as directed.**  
Sterilise syringes and needles by boiling in water for at least 15 minutes. Do not use disinfectants or methylated spirits for sterilising either needles or syringes. Use a separate sterile needle for each animal. Shake the bottle well before filling the syringe.  
Avoid exposure to high temperatures and direct sunlight during vaccination.

**DOSAGE:** 1 ml subcutaneously. Inject the vaccine under the bare patch of skin on the side of the chest, behind the elbow, or on the inside of the thigh but not under the tail.

### EFFECT OF THE VACCINE

A fever reaction may follow from the 7th day after vaccination. Such animals must not be exposed to strong sunlight, adverse weather conditions and stress. A reasonable protection against the virus is achieved within 3-4 weeks but, however, cannot be guaranteed in all animals.

### PACKING

Available in bottles of 100 doses.

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