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FOR ANIMAL USE ONLY



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## BLUETONGUE VACCINE TYPE 9

A freeze-dried monovalent vaccine containing live attenuated bluetongue virus strain 9 for the prophylactic immunisation of sheep against bluetongue.

Store the 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 only 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 law-mowing areas and next to rivers, dams and pans and valuable animals should be stabled during late afternoon, night and early morning.

### WARNINGS

Do not slaughter animals for human consumption within 7 days of vaccination.  
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

**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.

### 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 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 skin on the side of the chest, behind the elbow, or on the inside of the thigh but not under the tail.

### EFFECTS OF THE VACCINE

A fever reaction may follow from the seventh day after vaccination. Such animals must not be exposed to strong sunlight, adverse weather conditions and fatigue. A reasonable protection against most of the virus types is achieved within 3-4 weeks after the last injection but, however, cannot be guaranteed in all areas.

### PACKING

Available in packagings of 100 doses.

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