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# Use of Veterinary Medicinal Products in EU

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# Tackling Europe's bee decline

The role veterinarians can play



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FVE enhances animal health, animal welfare, public health and the protection of the environment by promoting the veterinary profession.

Together with our members, we support veterinarians in delivering their professional responsibilities to the best possible standard and ensure that veterinary expertise is recognised and valued by society.

# EU legislation

31.3.2016

EN

Official Journal of the European Union

L 84/1

**REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**of 9 March 2016**

**on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law')**

(Text with EEA relevance)

7.1.2019

EN

Official Journal of the European Union

L 4/43

**REGULATION (EU) 2019/6 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**of 11 December 2018**

**on veterinary medicinal products and repealing Directive 2001/82/EC**

(Text with EEA relevance)



*Apply for bees as well*

# Responsible use of medicines in bees (1/3)

- **health visits** of beehives by veterinarians
- **Biosecurity plans**
- **Disease prevention & control**
- **prescription** issued by a **veterinarian** only after proper assessment



## Record keeping by owners and keepers of food- producing animals.

## Responsible use of medicines in bees (2/3)

- *Keep record of the used products or a copy of the prescription*
  - (a) **date of the first administration** of the medicinal product to the animals;
  - (b) **name of the medicinal product**;
  - (c) **quantity** of the medicinal product administered;
  - (d) name or company name and permanent address or registered place of business of the **supplier**;
  - (e) **evidence of acquisition** of the medicinal products they use;
  - (f) **identification of the animal or group** of animals treated;
  - (g) name and contact details of the **prescribing veterinarian**, if applicable;
  - (h) **withdrawal period** even if such period is zero;
  - (i) **duration** of treatment.

# Responsible use of medicines in bees (3/3)

## Pharmacovigilance

- Any **unfavorable or unintended reaction** in any animal
- **Lack of efficacy**
- **Environmental incidents** following the administration of the product
- Any **reaction to humans** exposed to the veterinary medicine
- **Exceeding of the established maximum levels** of residues after the set withdrawal period has been respected
- Any **suspected transmission of an infectious agent** via a veterinary medicinal product
- Any unfavorable and unintended reaction in an animal to a medicinal product for human use

# Challenges faced by bee-keeping sector

- *Availability medicines for bees*
  - *Minor species*
  - *Shortages*
- *Off-label use – homemade products*
  - *Union product database can be of help:*  
<https://medicines.health.europa.eu/veterinary/en>
- *Illegal internet sales – lack of traceability of non-authorized products*

Your official source of up-to-date information on medicines authorised for use in animals anywhere in the EU / EEA

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# **Apiaries need veterinarians!**

Thank you for your attention

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