AnimalhealthEurope: who are we?

12 companies
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- CEVA
- Dopharma
- Elanco
- HUIVEPHARMA
- MSD Animal Health
- Norbrook
- Orion
- Syva
- Vetoquinol
- Virbac
- Zoetis

18 associations in 20 countries
- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

Working to ensure a ready availability of a wide range of animal health products throughout Europe
Overview

1) We welcome the opportunity to comment on the draft monographs.
2) We appreciate the efforts of Group 15V to introduce the in-vitro alternative into the monograph.
3) Overall, we had very few comments to the proposed revisions.

Residual Toxicity Test

- We proposed a slight rephrasing to indicate that whilst tissue culture tests are the preferred way forward we do not exclude other suitable methods. In line with other monographs.
Antigen Content

As with the Residual toxicity test we propose to allow other suitable methods.

Delete the statement:

“Use a homologous reference serum calibrated in International Units of C. septicum antitoxin. Clostridia (multicomponent) rabbit antiserum BRP is suitable for use as a reference serum.”

Provided the alternative test demonstrates satisfactory correlation with the test under potency, the use of a homologous reference serum or not does not matter.

Also reference serum calibrated in IU is not applicable to all alternative tests. E.g unless the reference serum has the exact IU/mL as the value of the pass/fail cut off it cannot be used as a reference for a cut-off based assay.

Batch Potency Test

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Consistency

We propose to keep the same revised wording for all recently modified monographs.

3-1. Identification. The vaccine contains the antigen or antigens toxoid of C. septicum as stated under Definition

- As a consequence, definition may also need an edit to make it clear toxoids are the active component.

Clostridium septicum vaccine for veterinary use is prepared with appropriate toxoid from a liquid culture of a suitable strain of Clostridium septicum

Next Steps

Implementation of the revised monographs.

Acceptance of the alternative test on a global basis.

Non acceptance of in-vitro alternatives in some countries may leave companies double testing, the in-vitro test for one jurisdiction and the animal for another.
Thank you!

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