Current Practices for the Sale and Distribution of Veterinary Drugs in the Middle East

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INTRODUCTION

• The systems and Laws in the countries

• Other systems

• Inspectorates

• Conclusions and suggestions
The Control of Vet medicines

- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Medicine
- Both Ministries
- Other Bodies
The Control of Vet medicines

- Authorisation of Medicines
- MRL’s and Residues
- Manufacture and Distribution (Cold Chain)
- Usage
- Pharmacovigilance
- Inspectorate (Surveillance, Control Distrib)
The Distribution of Vet medicines

• Distribution controlled at all levels (Import, Manufacture, Retail, Prescriptions, Usage)

• Medicines sold via
  1. Private Veterinarians
  2. State Veterinarians
  3. Vet. Assistants
  4. Pharmacists
  5. Wholesalers
  6. Farmer Associations
The Distribution of Vet medicines

• EU and UK systems

• EU have POM only. All drugs via Veterinarian

• UK have same EU law but history, few rural vets., Coop system → POM-V, POM-VPS (SQP), NFA-VPS, AVM-GSL
TWO ACTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

(Act 101/1965)
Medicines and Related Substances Control Act

(Act 36/1947)
Fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agriculture and Stock Remedies Act
TWO ACTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

• **Act 36** for OTC medicines
• Specific common diseases
  Cowdriosis, Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis
  Coccidiosis.
• Internal and External parasite control
• Prophylactic Vaccines Sheep and Cattle (Horses)
• Vitamins and production enhancers etc
• Full registration required
• **Farmer can treat** *(SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT)*
TWO ACTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

• Act 101 for veterinary medicines
• Prescription only by Veterinarian
• Also supplied by Pharmacist on prescription from a Veterinarian
• Antibiotics, Anaesthetics, Cortisones, Anti-inflammatories etc
• Medicines used after a specific diagnosis is required by a Veterinarian
The Distribution of Vet medicines

- Feel the EU system is too restrictive (Cost vs value of animal, No of Vets etc)
- UK system not suitable
- Southern African system also suitable
  1. Allows farmers to treat common diseases
  2. Use of prophylactic medicines
  3. Performance enhancers
The Control of Vet medicines

• Inspectorates

• A vital aspect of all control systems

• Best legislation can fail
The Control of Vet medicines

- Suggest a common regional Middle East Regulatory Authority
- EU, SADAC, EAC, West Africa, N.Africa
- Put together with representatives from all countries
- Accepted by all countries
- Individual country inspectorates controlled centrally
- Uniform medicines throughout the region
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