



Veterinary Medicines Directorate

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Your Ref: Open Letter of Concern

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Dear Mr Meacock

Re: Open Letter of Concern

There are currently no veterinary vaccines authorised in the UK which contain mRNA as the active substance.

The Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) regulates Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMPs) and assesses applications submitted by the veterinary pharmaceutical industry to authorise and make available good quality, safe and efficacious VMPs.

Current legislation does not preclude manufacturers of mRNA VMPs from applying for a marketing authorisation in the future. The marketing authorisation application (MAA) would be assessed for quality (manufacture), safety (target and non-target animals, user, consumer, and environment) and efficacy and the overall benefit-risk balance evaluated. Data requirements and assessment of the MAA would follow the same rigorous standards as for any other VMP.

Guidance for the pharmaceutical industry on Marketing Authorisations for veterinary medicines including the legislative basis can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/marketing-authorisations-for-veterinary-medicines>.

Further information about veterinary medicines currently authorised in Great Britain and Northern Ireland can be found on the [Product Information Database](#) on GOV.UK.

Yours sincerely

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