



Is Your Veterinary Medicine Legal?



Veterinary medicines purchased and used in the UK must be authorised by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD).



Buying veterinary medicines on the internet?

There are restrictions on the importation of some medicines.

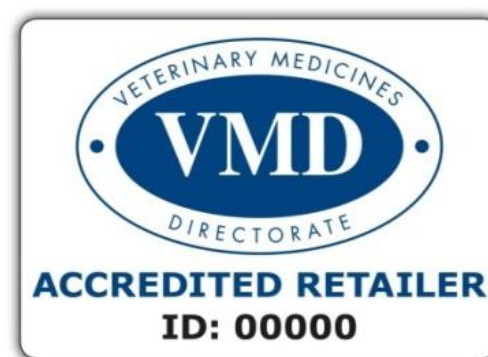
BE CAUTIOUS:



- the seller must be based in the UK;
- the products must be UK authorised medicines;
- if not an AVM-GSL* product, the person selling the medicines must be a vet, pharmacist or SQP**;
- the seller must ask for a prescription if the medicine requires one.

It is an offence to alter a written prescription unless authorised to do so by the person who signed it

To help identify where to buy legal medicines the VMD has set up an Accredited Internet Retailers Scheme (AIRS). Accredited sites will have this logo displayed on their website:



For further information, or to see a list of UK authorised medicines and Accredited Internet Retailers, contact the VMD or visit our website www.vmd.defra.gov.uk



*AVM-GSL – a category of veterinary medicine that anyone can sell

**Suitably Qualified Person – a person who is trained and qualified to sell POM-VPS and NFA-VPS medicines