

SCHEDULE 4

ADMINISTRATION OF A VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT OUTSIDE THE TERMS OF A MARKETING AUTHORISATION

Administration by veterinary surgeons from other member States

5.—(1) Veterinary surgeons practising in another member State may bring into the United Kingdom and administer to animals small quantities of veterinary medicinal products that are not authorised for use in the United Kingdom if—

- (a) the quantity does not exceed the requirements for the treatment of specific animals;
- (b) the product is authorised in the member State in which the veterinary surgeon is established;
- (c) the product is transported by the veterinary surgeon in the original manufacturer's packaging;
- (d) in the case of administration to food-producing animals, there is a veterinary medicinal product authorised in the United Kingdom that has the same qualitative and quantitative composition in terms of active substances;
- (e) the veterinary surgeon has acquainted himself with the Guide to Professional Conduct issued by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons⁽¹⁾.

(2) The veterinary surgeon must only supply to the owner or keeper enough veterinary medicinal product to complete the treatment of animals concerned.

(3) He must—

- (a) ensure that the withdrawal period specified on the label of the product is complied with, or the United Kingdom withdrawal period for the equivalent product authorised in the United Kingdom if this is longer than the one on the label; and
- (b) keep detailed records of the animals treated, the diagnosis, the products administered, the dosage administered, the duration of treatment and the withdrawal period applied, and shall keep them in the United Kingdom for at least three years, and failure to comply with this sub-paragraph is an offence.

(4) The overall range and quantity of veterinary medicinal products carried by the veterinary surgeon must not exceed that generally required for the daily needs of good veterinary practice.

(5) This paragraph does not apply in relation to immunological veterinary medicinal products.

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