



Multi-stakeholder workshop on shortages

Medicines for veterinary use
Shortages in Germany

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Introduction

Shortages can be 2 different problems:

- Shortages of authorised Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMPs)

Reasons: manufacturing problems, shortages of raw materials, increased demand of medicines, distribution problems, labour disruptions and natural disasters.

- Missing of authorised VMPs, e.g. for minor species, ornamental fish

VMP shortages monitoring in Germany

- **No legal obligation** for marketing authorisation holders to report shortages
- Call for **voluntary reporting** in 2020
- Hope to get information on shortages of VMPs in the **Union Product Database** (UPD), but UPD does not seem to be the suitable instrument

Call for voluntary reporting in 2020

- The BVL send a letter to 50 German companies and associations asking for reporting shortages
- The BVL got 16 answers (some stating that they were not experiencing shortages)
- Availability of VMPs does not appear to be a problem
- Astonishing: One wholesaler send a list to the BVL with 70 VMPs not possible to purchase

Current status

- Reporting template is on the website of the BVL permanently
- Hardly any voluntary reports on shortages (3 reports in 2022)
- Last report from the SPOC notification system: MAH asked for rapid processing of a variation
- Anecdotal reports from Vets (on private basis): Complaints about VMPs not available (e.g. amoxicillin, vaccines)

Prospective plans

In Germany:

- Try to get a reporting obligation into the national Veterinary Drug Law
- Develop a VMP shortage register on the BVL homepage

Vision for the future:

- Information of shortages and availability of VMPs in European Member States in one Database (UPD?) in a good researchable format (Big data project)

Thank you for listening

Further information

See websites for contact details

Heads of Medicines Agencies www.hma.eu
European Medicines Agency www.ema.europa.eu

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