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34 Introduction

35 This guideline provides additional guidance to marketing authorisation holders (MAHs) that are
36 required to submit annual volume of sales data, including dose factor for each veterinary medicinal
37 product (VMP), to the Union Product Database (UPD). The data submitted by MAHs will be used to
38 calculate an estimated number of treated animals (ENTA), and subsequently, in combination with the
39 total number of animals displaying a suspected adverse event recorded for VMPs in EudraVigilance
40 Veterinary (EVV), to derive an annual reporting incidence. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/6
41 these annual reporting incidences of reported suspected adverse events will be made publicly
42 accessible by 2024.

43 The overall objective of this guideline is to provide specific guidance on the considerations and
44 calculations related to dose factor. The aim being to generate a simple, pragmatic, and harmonised
45 approach to dose factor. This in turn should provide consistence, stability, and comparability in the
46 subsequent calculation of the reporting incidence.

47 This document serves to fulfil the requirement set out in [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\)](#)
48 [2021/1281 Article 14\(3\)](#) and standardise approaches between concerned organisations and
49 same/similar VMPs. This guidance should be implemented on Volume of sales submissions from 2023
50 and onwards.

51 Generation of this guideline has taken into account current guidance in [Chapter 7 of EU](#)
52 [Implementation Guide \(Vet EU IG\) on veterinary medicines product data in the Union Product](#)
53 [Database \(europa.eu\)](#). Further relevant guidance can be found in [UPD Q&As industry \(europa.eu\)](#) and
54 [Union Product Database: webinar for marketing authorisation holders | European Medicines Agency](#)
55 [\(europa.eu\)](#).

56 *Note that reference to Eudravigilance Veterinary (EVV) in this document implies the Union*
57 *Pharmacovigilance database (UPhD) as stated in Regulation (EU) 2019/6.*

58 1. Legal basis related to the generation and publication of 59 reporting incidence in EudraVigilance Veterinary

60 There is a legislative requirement that the reporting incidence of suspected adverse events should be
61 made publicly available in the Union Pharmacovigilance Database (UPhD) by 2024. There is also
62 legislative guidance on how these reporting incidences should be derived. The relevant articles are
63 stated below.

64 [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/6 Article 58\(12\):](#)

65 *"The marketing authorisation holder shall record in the product database the annual volume of sales*
66 *for each of its veterinary medicinal products."*

67 [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/6 Article 75\(3\)\(a\):](#)

68 *"The general public shall have access to the pharmacovigilance database, without the possibility to*
69 *change the information therein, as regards the following information:*

70 *(a) the number and at the latest within two years from 28 January 2022 the incidence of suspected*
71 *adverse events reported each year, broken down by veterinary medicinal product, animal species and*
72 *type of suspected adverse event;"*

73 [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1281 Article 14\(2\), \(3\), "Provision of additional](#)
74 [data":](#)

75 "2. The total number of animals displaying an adverse event during a defined period of time, multiplied
76 by 100 and divided by an estimate of the number of animals treated during that period, shall provide
77 the incidence of reported adverse events. To calculate the estimated number of animals treated from
78 the information on volume of sales required under Article 58(12) of Regulation (EU) 2019/6, marketing
79 authorisation holders shall identify and provide a factor to the Union product database for each of their
80 veterinary medicinal products according to country, target species and pack size. According to the
81 posology of the product, the factor will determine how many animals can be treated with one package
82 of a given pack size, regardless of the formulation. To calculate the incidence for adverse event reports
83 from third countries via the estimated number of animals treated, marketing authorisation holders
84 shall provide information on volume of sales for each of their veterinary medicinal products, combined
85 for all third countries according to target species, and in regard to the same or a comparable pack size.

86 3. The Agency shall publish guidance on the mathematical formula to calculate the factor. Marketing
87 authorisation holders shall record their assumptions on distribution of sales per target species and
88 treatment regimen per target species that they use for the calculation of the factor in the
89 pharmacovigilance system master file. Marketing authorisation holders shall update the factor when
90 necessary."

91 [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1281 Article 22\(3\), "Content and structure of the
92 pharmacovigilance system master file":](#)

93 "3. The pharmacovigilance system master file shall contain the following Annexes:"

94 "(d) Annex IV: further details about the quality management system:"

95 "(v) the methodology to calculate the factor referred to in Article 14(2);"

96 [EU Implementation Guide \(Vet EU IG\) on veterinary medicines product data in the Union Product
97 Database - Implementation of the requirements of Regulation \(EU\) 2019/6 for the Union database on
98 veterinary medicinal products in the European Economic Area - Chapter 7: Submission of other post-
99 authorisation data:](#)

100 "2.1.15. Estimated distribution across target species

101 MAHs shall submit the estimated split of the use per species for each submitted package with sales
102 (including non-EEA sales), and a dose factor, indicating how many animals of a specific species can be
103 treated with one pack on average. In combination, this will allow the subsequent calculation of the
104 estimated number of treated animals."

105 **2. Volume of sales submissions to Union Product Database**

106 To fulfil the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/6 Article 58(12), MAHs should prepare and provide
107 a volume of sales submission to the Union Product Database (UPD) portal. The volume of sales
108 submission consists of three principal elements:

- 109 1. Annual volume of sales data
- 110 2. Species split
- 111 3. Dose factor

112 These will be outlined and described further in the sections below, with the primary focus on dose
113 factor. Examples are provided in the text to facilitate understanding and implementation of the
114 guidance, however, the examples are not exhaustive. Guidance in this document may be updated in
115 light of any experience gained after reporting incidences are calculated and published in EVV.

116 It is important to note that neither data on the ENTA nor the reporting incidence is to be submitted by
117 MAHs, **only** the volume of sales, species split, and dose factor should be included in sales submissions
118 to the UPD.

119 **2.1. Annual volume of sales data**

120 Volume of sales (VoS; including non-EEA sales) should be submitted in the appropriate structured CSV
121 file downloaded from the UPD portal with one line per package, country and target species. The
122 frequency of the submission of sales data can be determined by the MAH (e.g., monthly, quarterly or
123 at least yearly).

124 The deadline for MAHs to submit the VoS data for the calendar year 2023 has been set for the end of
125 February 2024. Subsequently, the deadline for the annual VoS submission will be also at the **end of**
126 **February** of each following year.

127 MAHs should provide the data below in their submissions:

128 i. Package Identifier

129 ii. Country

130 iii. Country identifier

131 iv. Month/Year

132 v. Volume of sales

133 vi. Species Identifier

134 vii. Species %

135 viii. Dose Factor

136 ix. Comment (optional field)

137 The data specifications and detailed explanation of the information above is provided in [Chapter 7 of](#)
138 [EU Implementation Guide \(Vet EU IG\) on veterinary medicines product data in the Union Product](#)
139 [Database \(europa.eu\)](#) and [UPD Q&As industry \(europa.eu\)](#)

140 Sales submission per species will be based on the division in accordance with the SPOR Species list.

141 **2.2. Species split**

142 To accompany sales volume data, MAHs should submit the estimated percentage split of the use per
143 target species for each submitted package to the UPD portal. "Species split" should represent the
144 numerical value of the estimated percentage of use of the total sales for a specific package in each
145 animal target species in the country of reporting.

146 Species split should be reported as whole numbers (integers); although some splits may not be exact
147 as they will need to be rounded. Any assumptions taken to estimate the distribution of sales per target
148 species should be recorded in the pharmacovigilance system master file (PSMF), in accordance with [Art](#)
149 [14\(3\) of Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1281](#). It is envisaged that species split may
150 change over time i.e., addition of new target species, increased product use in a particular target
151 species and/or region etc.

152 For VMPs used in only one target species, the species spread/split will be 100%.

153 For VMPs authorised for more than one target species, species split should be derived by the MAH
154 based on their expert understanding of how a specific product is generally used in veterinary practice.
155 Any estimations should take into account the recommended treatment regimen (e.g., initial course
156 plus booster doses) of the VMP.

157 The data specifications and further explanation of species split is provided in [Chapter 7 of EU
158 Implementation Guide \(Vet EU IG\) on veterinary medicines product data in the Union Product
159 Database \(europa.eu\)](#) and [UPD Q&As industry \(europa.eu\)](#)

160 **2.3. Dose factor**

161 According to [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1281 Article 14\(2\)](#), the dose factor
162 should determine the average number of animals of a particular target species which can be treated by
163 a single pack of a specific size of a product, regardless of the formulation. The appropriate dose factors
164 should be provided for all volume of sales data and target species per package identifier and per
165 country. The dose factor should be a positive numerical value with or without decimals (up to 4
166 decimal digits), as stated in [Chapter 7 of the Vet EU IG \(EMA/772580/2022\)](#). Furthermore, the
167 methodology used to calculate the dose factor should be recorded in Annex IV of the PSMF.

168 It is generally recognised that the mathematical formulae used to generate dose factors will vary
169 between products, formulations, and package sizes and thus it is not possible to publish a single
170 universal formula. The dose factor should be derived by the MAH based on their expert understanding
171 of how a specific package is generally used in veterinary practice, e.g., taking into account the
172 different indications for the target species, average body weights of animals at treatment, and
173 recommended posology, i.e., dose, frequency and duration of treatment. MAHs should also implement
174 the key principles outlined below to harmonise approaches.

175 Wherever possible, MAHs are encouraged to harmonise the generation of dose factor to provide
176 consistence, stability and comparability in the subsequent calculation of the reporting incidence. For
177 example, reference and generics products should ideally use the same dose factors. Although, in some
178 cases, dose factors may differ due to markets in different territories, differences in animal populations
179 and the recommended use of products e.g., extension of some products to include new target species,
180 indications etc.

181 It is strongly recommended that changes to dose factors should be strictly **limited over time**. Dose
182 factors should only be changed if significant changes are made to dosage regimes e.g., changes to
183 antimicrobial dose rates. To facilitate and reduce administrative burden, the dose factor may be
184 changed for the submission of sales data for the following years e.g., a change in July 2024 will be
185 reflected in the sales data for January 2025 and onwards. This will also allow for a transition period
186 where product information and labelling with the old dosage regimen will be replaced with the new
187 dosage regimen. Any changes to dose factor should be recorded in the PSMF in accordance with the
188 [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1281 Article 14 \(3\)](#).

189 **2.3.1. Newly authorised VMPs**

190 For newly authorised products, dose factors may need to be initially estimated until appropriate sales/
191 in-use data becomes available. Estimation can be based on the sales forecasts for the product and
192 should be reviewed regularly in light of actual sales data becoming available and adjusted when
193 necessary. This could also be applied to products that are administered at regular intervals, where
194 initially the average number of doses received by an animal are based on sales forecasts and
195 subsequently updated/adjusted when actual sales data become available.

196 **2.3.2. Single dose administration VMPs**

197 For single dose VMPs, the dose factor is equivalent to the number of animals treated (e.g., vaccines,
198 anthelmintic boli, flea collars). i.e., one dose equals to one treated animal.

199 When the dose factor is based on 1 dose = 1 treated animal, the following formula can be used:

200
$$\text{Dose Factor} = \frac{\text{Package Volume [UoM]}}{\text{Dose [UoM]}}$$

201 *UoM Unit of measure (dose, millilitre, gram etc.)*

202
203 **Example 1:** A dog receives 1 dose of a canine vaccine (Dose = 1 dose). A pack contains 10 doses
204 (Package Volume = 10 doses). The dose factor of this pack size can be calculated as:

205
$$\text{Dose Factor} = \frac{10 \text{ doses}}{1 \text{ dose}} = 10$$

206
207 **Example 2:** According to the SPC, a VMP is a single dose local anaesthetic indicated in 4 different
208 target species. The recommended dose is 2.5 - 10 ml of the VMP/target animal. The package size is 1
209 vial containing 50ml. The dose factor is calculated using the principle of **maximum recommended**
210 **exposure** i.e., 10 ml per target species. The package size is 1 vial containing 50ml. Thus, a dose
211 factor can be calculated as:

212
213
214
$$\text{Dose Factor} = \frac{50 \text{ ml}}{10 \text{ ml}} = 5$$

215

Species %	Dose Factor
90	5
4	5
5	5
1	5

216
217 *Example of relevant data presented in CSV file.*

218
219 **Example 3:** A long acting antiparasitic, target species cattle, recommended as a single dose (10 ml).
220 Pack contains 50 ml. The dose factor of this pack size can be calculated as:

221
222
$$\text{Dose Factor} = \frac{50 \text{ ml}}{10 \text{ ml}} = 5$$

223
224 For VMPs formulated as pastes, aerosols, shampoos, eye/ear preparations or spot on preparations
225 where it is likely that each unit of VMP (e.g., syringe, single dose pipettes etc.) will be dispensed for
226 the treatment of an individual animal, the dose factor is equivalent to one pack e.g., products for eyes
227 or ears are usually administered 1 pack per individual animal due to risk of cross-contamination
228 between animals. Therefore, the dose factor for these products would be 1, unless more than 1 pack is
229 routinely needed to treat one animal.

230 For some single dose administration products, where a range of doses is indicated in the SPC, dose
 231 factor should be calculated based on **maximum recommended exposure** (i.e., use of the upper limit
 232 of the dose range). The dose factor can be derived using the formula below:

233

$$234 \text{ Dose Factor} = \frac{\text{Package Volume [UoM]} \times \text{Conc}_{API}}{\text{BW} \times \text{Dose}_{MAX}}$$

235

236 Conc_{API} Concentration active pharmaceutical ingredient PI (mg/ml or mg/mg)
 237 BW Body weight (in kg) - taken from standard average weight table (see Appendix 1)
 238 Dose_{MAX} Dose (mg/kg or ml/kg) - maximum recommended exposure
 239 UoM Unit of measure (millilitre, gram etc.)

240

241

242 **Example 1:** A single dose injectable. Target species is dog. According to the SPC, the active
 243 pharmaceutical ingredient (API) concentration is 3.4mg/ml and the recommended dose is 0.17mg/kg
 244 b.w. The package size is 1 solvent vial with 17 ml. Dose factor is calculated using the standard average
 245 weight in the table in Appendix 1 for a dog i.e., 20kg. Applying the formula stated above would result
 246 in:

247

$$248 \text{ Dose Factor} = \frac{17 \times 3.4}{20 \times 0.17} = 17$$

249

Species %	Dose Factor
100	17

250

251 *Example of relevant data presented in CSV file.*

252

253 **Example 2:** A VMP is indicated for use in dogs and cats. Dose rates: Dogs 0,2 ml /kg b.w. Cats 0.3 ml
 254 /kg b.w. Package size: 1 bottle with 20ml. Distribution of sales per species: 70% dogs and 30% cats.

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$$256 \text{ Dose Factor for dogs} = \frac{20 \text{ ml}}{0.2 \text{ ml} \times 20 \text{ kg}} = 5$$

257

258

$$259 \text{ Dose Factor for cats} = \frac{20 \text{ ml}}{0.3 \text{ ml} \times 5 \text{ kg}} = 13.33$$

260

Species %	Dose Factor
70	5
30	13.33

261

262 *Example of relevant data presented in CSV file.*

263

264 2.3.3. Short-term treatment VMPs with a defined treatment course

265 For pharmaceutical VMPs used for short term treatments (i.e., courses up to 3 weeks), the dose factor
 266 will be a function of:

- 267 • Authorised treatment regimen (daily dose (mg/kg) x duration of treatment (days)) as detailed on
 268 the authorised SPC. Where a range for dose or duration of therapy is indicated on the SPC, it is

269 appropriate to determine dose factor based on **maximum recommended exposure** (that is, use
270 the upper limit of the dose range and/or longest duration of treatment). Any such alternative
271 calculations should be justified in the pharmacovigilance system master file (PSMF).

272 • Average weight of target population (kg). Standard average weights in the table in Appendix 1
273 may be used when generating a dose factor. These standard average weights are primarily
274 derived from previous guidance in VOLUME 9B of The Rules Governing Medicinal Products in the
275 European Union but some updates and additions have been made. This list may undergo further
276 revision with experience gained. Suggestions for additions to the standard weights list can be
277 submitted to the Pharmacovigilance Working Party - Veterinary (PhVWP-V) for consideration. Any
278 suggestions or proposals should be submitted to Vet-PhV@ema.europa.eu. It should be noted that
279 updates to this document will be limited to once a year. Use of any other standard average weight
280 should be justified and recorded in the PSMF. The range of weights and production status within a
281 target population should also be considered e.g., a product may be used in several different
282 production statuses of individuals within the same species (e.g., cow 70% and beef calf 15%,
283 newborn calf 15% or sheep 50% and lamb 50%). In these cases, the "worst case" from the
284 weight ranges should be used.

285 Below are some examples of standard formulae to calculate dose factor for repeat dose/use products.
286 These working examples are provided to facilitate understanding and implementation.

287 (i)

$$288 \text{ Dose Factor} = \frac{\text{Package Volume [UoM]}}{\text{Daily dose}_{MAX} \times \text{Duration}}$$

289 *Daily Dose*_{MAX} *Dose (mg/kg or ml/kg) - maximum recommended exposure*
290 *Duration* *Duration of treatment (days)*
291 *UoM* *Unit of measure (millilitre, gram etc.)*

292
293
294 **Example:** An antimicrobial product indicated for the use in cows is administered on a farm. Daily dose
295 of 50 ml per animal, for 5 consecutive days of treatment. Pack contains 500 ml. The dose factor of this
296 pack size can be calculated as:

$$297 \text{ Dose Factor} = \frac{500 \text{ ml}}{50 \text{ ml} \times 5 \text{ days}} = 2$$

300 (ii)

$$301 \text{ Dose Factor} = \frac{\text{Package Volume [UoM]} \times \text{Conc}_{API}}{\text{BW} \times \text{ATR}_{MAX}}$$

302
303
304 *C_{API}* Concentration active pharmaceutical ingredient PI (mg/ml or mg/mg)
305 *BW* Body weight (in kg) - taken from standard average weight table (see Appendix 1)
306 *ATR_{MAX}* Authorised treatment regimen (daily dose (mg/kg) x duration of treatment (days))
307 *UoM* Unit of measure (dose, millilitre, gram etc.)

308
309
310 NB. Where a range for dose or duration of therapy is indicated in the SPC, dose factor should be
311 calculated based on maximum recommended exposure (i.e., use of the upper limit of the dose range
312 and/or longest duration of treatment).

313

314 **Example:** A product indicated for dogs is given with a dosage of 5mg/kg for 5 days. The pack contains
315 75ml with an active substance concentration of 30mg/ml. The dose factor of this pack size can be
316 calculated as:

317
318
$$\text{Dose Factor} = \frac{75\text{ml} \times 30\text{mg/ml}}{20\text{kg} \times (5\text{mg/ml} \times 5 \text{ days})} = 4.5$$

319

320 Special considerations:

- 321 • The treatment course for inhalation anaesthetics should be based on a 45-minute duration
322 anaesthesia at the typical rate used for maintenance.
- 323 • For dry cow intramammaries 1 dose is considered to be 4 intramammary syringes.

324 **2.3.4. Short-term treatment VMPs with undefined treatment course**

325 Some VMPs are indicated for both short- and long-term treatment without a defined length of
326 treatment course. In these cases, a 1-month (30 day) treatment basis should be used to derive a dose
327 factor. When the dose frequency is greater than 1 month, the dose factor should be calculated using
328 the formula for a single dose administration product, see section 2.3.2.

329 The following formula can be used to derive a dose factor. The individual daily dosage should be
330 determined as the **average dosage** of the dose range outlined in the product SPC.

331
332
$$\text{Dose Factor} = \frac{\text{Package Volume [UoM]}}{\text{Dose [UoM] for 1 month of treatment}}$$

333 *UoM Unit of measure (dose, millilitre, gram etc.)*
334
335

336 **Example 1:** A dog receives 2 tablets daily of a NSAID with a pack size of 100 tablets. The dose factor
337 for this pack can be calculated as:

338
339
$$\text{Dose Factor} = \frac{100 \text{ tablets}}{2 \text{ tablet per day} \times 30 \text{ days}} = 1.67$$

340 **Example 2:** A cat receives regular antiparasitic treatments at a dose of 1 pipette per month. A pack
341 contains 3 pipettes. The dose factor for this pack can be calculated as:

342
343
$$\text{Dose Factor} = \frac{3 \text{ pipettes}}{1 \text{ pipette}} = 3$$

344 **Example 3:** A dog receiving 3 monthly antiparasitic tablet receives 1 tablet every 3 months with a
345 pack size of 4 tablets. The dose factor of this pack size can be calculated as:

346
347
$$\text{Dose Factor (DF)} = \frac{4 \text{ tablets}}{1 \text{ tablet}} = 4$$

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349

350 **2.3.5. Long-term (life-long) treatment or continuous supplementation** 351 **VMPs**

352 This relates to VMPs where a continuous administration is needed to achieve and maintain efficacy. In
353 these cases, a 6-month treatment basis should be used to derive a dose factor, as recommended in
354 previous guidance related to PSURs. In these cases, the average estimated doses per animal over a
355 period of 182 days should be calculated. When alternative durations are proposed by the MAH, these
356 should be appropriately justified and recorded in the PSMF. Once an approach is established, it should
357 be retained of subsequent Sale data submissions.

358 The principle of **maximum recommended exposure** should also be applied. Efforts should be made
359 to use evidence from real-life /in-use data to facilitate the calculation of dose factors for products used
360 regularly. It should be noted that the impact on reporting incidence can vary enormously based on the
361 assumption made on the standard and average use of a product.

362 The following formula can be used to derive a dose factor. The individual daily dosage should be
363 determined as the **average** dosage of the dose range outlined in the product SPC.

364
365
$$\text{Dose Factor} = \frac{\text{Package Volume [UoM]}}{\text{Dose [UoM] for 6 month (182 days) of treatment}}$$

366 *UoM* Unit of measure (dose, millilitre, gram etc.)
367

368 **Example:** A cat receives an antithyroid drug. The treatment is monitored, and dose adjusted
369 accordingly over a 6-month period. A cat receives 1 tablet of the product per day as life-long treatment
370 (6 months/182 days). A pack contains 182 tablets. The dose factor for this pack can be calculated as:

371
372
$$\text{Dose Factor (DF)} = \frac{182 \text{ tablets}}{1 \text{ tablet per day} \times 182 \text{ days}} = 1$$

373 **2.3.6. Special considerations**

374 **2.3.6.1. Treatment of animal groups**

375 For VMPs that are indicated for the treatment of groups within a designated holding area (i.e., In-hive
376 treatment and fish treatment administrated to holding water), a dose factor at the level of number of
377 animals may not be possible to estimate or calculate. In these scenarios, it is permitted to provide a
378 dose factor at the level of the holding area (e.g., for bee populations, a dose factor per seam or hive is
379 considered appropriate).

380 **2.3.6.2. VMPs with 'step down' dose rates / frequencies**

381 In order to simplify and facilitate interpretation by end users, the standard long-term maintenance
382 dosages should be used. The estimation of number of treated animals and calculation of dose factor
383 should be based on the long-term maintenance dose rate.

384 **2.3.6.3. VMPs with different dose rates / treatment courses across EEA or in non-EEA** 385 **countries**

386 It is appreciated that this may be a possible complication related to different dose rates between
387 nationally authorised products and between products authorised in EEA and non-EEA countries.

388 Where there are differences between the dose rates of nationally authorised products, it is
389 recommended that the **most common** dose rate is applied to all such products within the EEA.

390 Where there are differences between EEA and non-EEA dose rates, the EEA dose rate / dosing program
391 should be used for non-EEA products.

392 **2.3.6.4. VMPs primarily used in a specific weight of animals**

393 In some cases, a separate distribution will need to be estimated within the same target species i.e.,
394 adult pig versus piglet. Estimates should take into account the disparity of weights and available in-
395 use/ marketing data. In these cases, it is recommended that the “worst case” from the weight ranges
396 should be used. An appropriate correction factor can be applied to the dose factor calculation.

397 **2.3.6.5. VMPs with undefined species**

398 With products with undefined species, the species splits, and species dose factors should be provided
399 for the appropriate species terms (e.g., chickens, turkey, fish, poultry, equids etc.) using the Species
400 list in Appendix 1 and based on the knowledge and understanding of the use of the product.

401 **2.3.6.6. VMPs which can be used in multiple animals (e.g., ointments, infusion bottles,**
402 **water for injection)**

403 For infusions, ointments, creams, water for injection etc. which are commonly used in multiple
404 animals, it is acceptable to assume 1 pack = 1 treated animal.

405 For separately authorised water for injection, buffers etc. the species dose factor calculation should be
406 based on the knowledge and understanding of how the product is used. e.g., dose factors for solvents
407 supplied with vaccines will be based on the species dose factor for that vaccine.

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409 **Appendix 1: List of standard average weights for target**
 410 **species**

411 Below are the tabulated standard average weights for target species to be used when calculating dose
 412 factors. Standard average weights (kg) are based on data:

- 413 • Previously published in VOLUME 9B of The Rules Governing Medicinal Products in the European
 414 Union.
- 415 • From Eurostats and/or Montforts, M.H., Validation of the exposure assessment for veterinary
 416 medicinal products. Sci Total Environ, 2006. 358(1-3): p. 121-36.
- 417 • From internet- based, open-sources e.g., breeding associations and relevant data from statistical
 418 and investigatory institutes.

419 The standard average weights should be used for all calculations unless the VMP is only indicated for a
 420 particular size of animal, in which case a representative weight for this size of animal will be used. Use
 421 of any other standard average weights, including for those species not listed in the table, should be
 422 justified and assumptions recorded in PSMF, together with assumptions use for the calculation of the
 423 dose factor.

424 As experience is gathered, the content of this list may change. Suggestions of additions/ changes to
 425 the standard average weights list should be submitted to the Pharmacovigilance Working Party -
 426 Veterinary (PhVWP-V) for consideration. Any suggestions or proposals should be submitted to vet-guidelines@ema.europa.eu. It should be noted that updates to this list will be limited to once a year.

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Species and subpopulations	Standard average weight (kg)	Notes
Production animals		
Adult cow	623	For VMPs used exclusively or mainly in cows
Beef calf	150	For general use
New-born calf	50	For VMPs exclusively used in new-born calves
Sow/boar	160	
Finishing pig	60	For general use
Weaner pig	25	For VMPs with withdrawal periods more than 90 days
Piglet	2	For VMPs used exclusively or mainly in new-born piglets (e.g., iron dextran)
Porcine (Breeders)	240	
Sheep	60	
Ovine & Caprine (breeders)	75	
Ovine & Caprine (less than 12 months)	20	
Lamb	10	For use when the VMP is prescribed exclusively for lambs
Goat, adult	60	For general use

Kid	10	For use when the VMP is prescribed exclusively for kids
Companion and Laboratory animals		
Horse /Equids	550	
Foal	80	
Dog	20	For general use
Cat	5	For general use
Rabbit	1.5	For general use
Guinea pig	1	
Chinchilla	0.5	
Gerbil	0.095	
Mouse	0.04	
Rat	0.25	
Hamster	0.12	
Zoo and exotic animals		
Buffalo	550	
Dromedary	500	
Camelidae	200	
Red deer	200	
Reindeer	150	
Fallow deer	60	
Mink	2	
Polar fox	5	
Foxes	7	
Birds and poultry		
Poultry	4	For use when the VMP is not specified to species
Poultry, broiler	1	For use when only broiler is specified
Poultry, layer hen	2	For use when withdrawal periods for eggs are specified (worst case)
Turkey	10	For general use
Turkey (poult)	4	
Turkey (up to 28 days)	1	
Duck	2	
Goose	5	
Ostrich	100	
Partridge	0.3	
Quail	0.1	

Pheasant, Guinea fowl	0.5	
(Grey) Parrot, Racing pigeon	0.45	
Chick, ornamental and signing birds	0.04	
Canary	0.02	
Budgerigar	0.03	
Aquatic species		
Salmon	3	For general use

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