

# **CDG on animal products (pig meat) 29 May 2018**

**Availability of approved  
products for anaesthesia  
and analgesia regarding  
castration of pigs**

# Surgical castration of male pigs

- *Council Directive 2008/120/EC ...If castration is practised after the seventh day of life, it shall only be performed under anaesthetic and additional prolonged analgesia..*
- *European Declaration on alternatives to surgical castration of pigs*
  - *prolonged analgesia and/or anaesthesia 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012*
  - *surgical castration of pigs should be abandoned by 1 January 2018.*

# Surgical castration of male pigs

- *Several initiatives, well advanced*
  - *Rearing entire male pigs*
  - *Alternative Option - Vaccination*
- *The set goals not yet reached for various reasons, prolonged analgesia and/or anaesthesia an issue*
- *Several actions undertaken by Commission*  
[https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/practice/farm/pigs/castration\\_alternatives\\_en#](https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/practice/farm/pigs/castration_alternatives_en#)
- *Private initiatives and MS action ongoing (e.g. prolonged analgesia before 7 days of age)*

# The legal framework for veterinary medicinal products VMPs

- *Authorisations are based on quality, safety and efficacy*
- *Ensures adequate health protection.*
- *Pharmacologically active substances used in food producing animals require a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL)*
- *Centrally authorisation since the mid-90s, supported by European Medicines Agency (EMA).  
[http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/landing/vet\\_epar\\_search.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058001fa1c](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/landing/vet_epar_search.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058001fa1c)*

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- *Decentralised authorisation by groups of MS*  
*<http://mri.cts-mrp.eu/veterinary/>*
- *Nationally authorised VMPs to be found at Heads of Medicines Agencies (HMA) website.*  
*National agencies keep registers of centrally and nationally authorised VMPs*  
*[\(\[http://www.hma.eu/nationalcontacts\\\_vet.html\]\(http://www.hma.eu/nationalcontacts\_vet.html\)\)](http://www.hma.eu/nationalcontacts_vet.html)*
- *MS legislation defines authorised persons and conditions (training etc.) of use*

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- *The Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) Classification System; main groups A – V (active ingredients and their action on organs)*
- *For anaesthetic and anti-inflammatory use*
  - *group QM musculoskeletal system*
    - QM01 anti-inflammatory products*
  - *group QN Nervous system*
    - QN01 Anaesthetics*
    - QNo2 Analgesics*
  - *group QA Alimentary tract*
    - QA01 Anti-inflammatory non steroids*

# The legal framework for veterinary medicinal products VMPs

- *New Commission proposal intends to improve availability:*
  - *Incentivise new VMPs by extended period of data protection*
  - *extension of the centralised marketing authorisation to all types of VMPs*
  - *removal of the 5 year renewal requirement*
  - *standardised prescription across EU*
  - *establishment of an improved EU database of VMP improving data flow between MS authorities*