



# The French Agency for Veterinary Medicinal Products: a veterinary public health authority

ANSES is responsible for enforcing regulations governing veterinary medicinal products in the sphere of competence assigned to it by the French Public Health Code. In this capacity, the Agency has the authority to carry out scientific assessments, make inspections and take decisions. It has delegated this specific role to the French Agency for Veterinary Medicinal Products (ANMV).

As an active member of several European and international bodies, the ANMV is involved in discussions regarding veterinary medicinal products and contributes to the drafting of many regulatory and technical texts in this field. In particular, it is a collaborating centre for veterinary medicinal products for the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), it collaborates with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and with the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Agency is also a member of the network of Heads of European Medicines Agencies.



# The ANMV assesses

- national marketing authorisation dossiers for veterinary medicinal products and participates in the evaluation of European dossiers;
- applications for marketing authorisation for veterinary medicinal products;
- maximum admissible limits for veterinary medicinal product residues in food products of animal origin.

## Authorises

- the marketing of medicinal products;
- clinical trials of veterinary medicinal products;
- the opening of pharmaceutical companies for marketing, manufacturing, wholesale distribution, export and import of veterinary medicinal products;
- the importing of veterinary medicinal products;
- temporary use of medicinal products authorised in other European countries or in third countries.

## Monitors

- the adverse effects of veterinary medicinal products;
- the quality of veterinary medicinal products;
- the operating of veterinary pharmaceutical companies;
- advertising of veterinary medicinal products.

Veterinary pharmacovigilance involves the monitoring of veterinary medicines following their marketing authorisation and preventing the risk of adverse effects resulting from their use for the prophylaxis, diagnosis or treatment of animal diseases.

The objectives of veterinary pharmacovigilance are to ensure:

- the safe use of veterinary medicinal products for animals;
- the safe use of veterinary medicinal products for the people in contact with them;
- the safety of foodstuffs derived from animals treated with veterinary medicinal products;
- protection of the environment.

