

FILAVAC VHD K C+V vaccine for rabbit calicivirus RHDV2 strain Update for New Zealand veterinarians

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This update is to provide the latest information on the upcoming arrival of vaccine, which we are importing under the special circumstance provisions of the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act.

Sourcing a limited quantity of vaccine will help rabbit owners who would like to immediately vaccinate their animals for the RHDV2 calicivirus strain until an ongoing supply chain is established, as per other vaccines and medicinal products.

Stocks of this strain-specific vaccine were not held in New Zealand because the RHDV2 strain was not known to be present.

We had expected the first shipment of vaccine to arrive this week. Unfortunately this has been delayed. We will notify you as soon as we have surely on a revised arrival date.

Due to the high demand for the vaccine from veterinarians, we have increased our initial order from 1000 to 2000 doses. We will cover the vaccine purchase and delivery costs for these 2000 doses, andASUREQuality will distribute it to veterinarians on our behalf.

We have also had to limit the number of doses despatched to you. A maximum of 20 doses of vaccine will be sent to the first 100 veterinary practices who have already placed orders. This approach will ensure that the vaccine is equitably distributed throughout New Zealand, which is important as we do not yet have a full picture of the strain's distribution.

Plans are being developed for an ongoing supply of Filavac VHD K C+V to veterinarians viaASUREQuality Limited. We will update you on this again over the coming weeks. A new order form and pricing information will also be circulated. We do know that the vaccine has a shelf life of up to 14 months, and depending on the batch that is despatched, the actual shelf life may be shorter. Please take this into account when making decisions about forward orders.

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