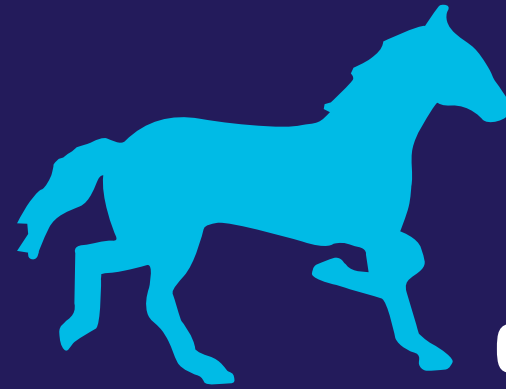


Any enquiries about the issue of passports should be directed to SEERAD, Animal Health and Welfare, Room 350, Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh EH14 1TY (tel. no. 0131 244 6405) or to a passport issuing organisation (see inside for details).



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- you do not already hold a passport or
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MEDICINES AND YOUR HORSE

All horse owners and keepers will want enough authorised veterinary medicines to be available to treat horses which become unwell. This could be a wormer, painkiller, vaccine or an antibiotic to heal an infection. Under EU legislation the horse is defined as a food animal and many horse owners and keepers may not be aware of the rules that have to be followed when using medicines because of the possibility that the animal may eventually enter the human food chain.

Most medicines authorised for use in horses in the UK have not been through the tests necessary to show they are safe to use in a food-producing animal. This is because the horse is not generally regarded as a food-producing animal in the UK. Consequently 75% of veterinary medicines authorised for use in horses in the UK carry a warning indicating that they must not be used to treat horses intended for human consumption.

However, it remains important that the meat from any UK horse exported for human consumption is safe to eat. In other words, we must be sure no illegal residues of medicines remain. If the safety of meat from horses slaughtered in the UK cannot be properly controlled one possibility is that many of the medicines which are currently authorised for use in horses could be withdrawn. The new horse passport requirements will reduce the risk of a ban being introduced on these medicines in the UK as long as horse owners adhere to the requirements.

Please ensure that horses which are to be sent for human consumption do not receive any medicines which carry the warning: 'not for use in horses intended for human consumption'. The new horse passport legislation will help owners ensure that every horse, going for meat production, enters the human food chain having received only medicines which are authorised for the treatment of food-producing animals. These medicines carry instructions defining a suitable treatment-free (withdrawal) period which must be observed before slaughter. It is important that horses going for slaughter are accompanied by a valid passport.

Food derived from animals is sampled according to a testing programme run by the VMD. The samples are analysed for residues which could be present. For horses, various substances are looked for, including wormers, antibiotics, banned substances and anti-inflammatory drugs such as phenylbutazone (bute). If any residues are found in excess of a permitted amount, or if any amount at all is found for those substances which are not permitted, investigations are carried out and prosecutions may follow. Any prosecution may involve the horse owner and/or keeper. All owners need to be aware that the law will be enforced where the evidence shows that it has not been respected.