

VETICOP

20MG/ML SUSPENSION FOR INJECTION

Copper (as copper methionate) 20mg/ml

DATA
SHEET



INDICATIONS

For the prevention and treatment of copper deficiency (hypocuprosis) in sheep and for the prevention of swayback in lambs via treatment of the ewe 2.5 months prior to lambing.

BENEFITS

- The only licensed copper sheep injection in the UK
- Subcutaneous injection over the brisket reduces the risk of reactions at the site of higher value meat cuts
- Convenient 100mls bottle, suitable for most flock sizes



LIST No	UNIT PACKAGE
1VET003	100 ml



See reverse for Administration & Dosage

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PRESENTATION

A sterile blue suspension for injection containing 20mg/ml copper (as copper methionate) which upon standing, gradually leaves a clear supernatant.

TARGET SPECIES

Sheep

INDICATION FOR USE

For the prevention and treatment of copper deficiency (hypocuprosis) in sheep and for the prevention of swayback in lambs by administering a single injection to the ewe 2.5 months pre-lambing.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS

Do not administer intravenously or intramuscularly.
Do not overdose as there is no specific antidote.
Do not administer other forms of copper treatment or supplementation concurrently (at the same time).

SPECIAL WARNINGS

The copper status on farms may change from year to year: it is therefore recommended that random samples of serum are periodically checked to see if the deficiency still exists, as sheep are sensitive to copper toxicity.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR USE IN ANIMALS

Shake the vial vigorously prior to use.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE PERSON ADMINISTERING THE PRODUCT

None

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Some local reactions occur occasionally. These usually subside.

USE DURING PREGNANCY AND LACTATION

Safe for use during pregnancy and lactation.

INTERACTIONS

Do not administer with other forms of copper treatment or supplementation.

AMOUNTS TO BE ADMINISTERED AND ROUTE

The need for therapy should be assessed on serum and liver analysis before treatment. Inject into a clean, dry site subcutaneously in the brisket. The following dosage schedule is given as an average guide: Ewes 2ml, 2.5 months prior to lambing. Shake the vial vigorously to resuspend the solid prior to use. In keeping with safe practice the animal should be restrained in order to avoid injury to animals or human beings. Use aseptic technique.

OVERDOSE

Do not overdose, as there is no specific antidote. Excess copper accumulates in the liver and can result in a haemolytic crisis leading to death. Suffolk, Texel, Welsh and rare breeds are particularly susceptible.

WITHDRAWAL PERIOD

Ewes meat – 28 days

PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

The product is designed to restore copper levels in cases of deficiency. Copper is an essential element in many enzyme systems. A primary deficiency results from inadequate intake in certain geographical areas. A secondary deficiency is associated with excess intake of molybdenum, iron or sulphur. Deficiency in mid-gestation in sheep can result in enzootic ataxia ("swayback") of lambs. Correction by injection of copper is facilitated by use of the methione salt, which is absorbed slowly and acts as a depot. Excess copper can result in a toxicosis.

EXCIPIENTS

Chlorocresol (Antimicrobial preservative) - 1.0mg/ml, Polysorbate 80, Water for Injection.

INCOMPATIBILITIES

None known

SHELF LIFE

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 30 months. Shelf life after first opening the immediate packaging: 28 days.

STORAGE

Do not store above 25°C. Protect from light. Avoid extremes of temperature. Following withdrawal of the required dose use the product within 28 days. Discard any unused material.

DISPOSAL

Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from such veterinary products should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

LEGAL CATEGORY

POM-VPS

MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER

Vm 12828/4001

MARKETED IN THE UK

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