

**IRISH MEDICINES BOARD ACT 1995**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (ANIMAL REMEDIES) (No. 2) REGULATIONS 2007**

**(S.I. No. 786 of 2007)**

VPA: **10857/073/001**  
Case No: 7001513

The Irish Medicines Board in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Animal Remedies (No. 2) Regulations (S.I. No. 786 of 2007) hereby grants to:

**Merial Animal Health Limited**

**Sandringham House, Sandringham Avenue, Harlow Business Park, Harlow, Essex CM19 5TG, United Kingdom**

an authorisation, subject to the provisions of the said Regulations and the general conditions of the attached authorisation, in respect of the Veterinary Medicinal Product:

**HatchPak Avinew**

The particulars of which are set out in Part 1 and Part 2 of the said Schedule. The authorisation is also subject to any special conditions as may be specified in the said Schedule.

The authorisation,unless revoked, shall continue in force from **03/04/2009** until **07/08/2013**.

Signed on behalf of the Irish Medicines Board

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A person authorised in that behalf by the said Board.

(NOTE: This authorisation replaces any previous authorisation in respect of this product which is now null and void.)

## Part II

### Summary of Product Characteristics

#### 1 NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

HATCHPAK AVINEW

#### 2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

**Per one reconstituted dose:**

**Active substances:**

Live Newcastle disease virus, VG/GA strain, ..... 5.5 to 6.7 log<sub>10</sub> EID<sub>50</sub>\*

**Adjuvant(s):**

Not applicable

**Excipient(s):**

For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

\* 50 per cent egg infective doses

#### 3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Frozen suspension for nebuliser suspension. Yellow.

#### 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

##### 4.1 Target Species

One day old chickens

##### 4.2 Indications for use, specifying the target species

In one day-old chickens, active immunisation against Newcastle disease in order to reduce mortality and clinical signs linked to Newcastle disease infection.

Onset of immunity: 21 days

Duration of immunity:

A duration of immunity of 6 weeks has been demonstrated after a single administration in laboratory conditions.

However, to maintain an adequate level of immunity in field conditions, a 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccination using a freeze-dried vaccine with live Newcastle disease virus VG/GA strain, from the same company is recommended.

##### 4.3 Contraindications

None

#### 4.4 Special warnings for each target species

Vaccine virus can spread to unvaccinated birds. Infection of unvaccinated chickens with the vaccine virus from vaccinated chickens does not cause any signs of disease. A reversion to virulence trial carried out in the laboratory has shown that the vaccine virus do not acquire any pathogenic characteristics after at least 5 passages in chickens.

#### 4.5 Special precautions for use

##### Special precautions for use in animals

Vaccinate healthy birds only.

##### Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals

- Care should be taken when handling the vaccine preparation. The cold gas must not be breathed. The manipulation should take place only in well ventilated place to prevent fatal suffocation.
- Wear protective gloves and spectacles during the ampoules thawing and opening operations. Skin contact with liquid nitrogen must be prevented as it can cause tissue freezing, resulting in severe burns.
- Because live Newcastle disease virus may cause a mild transient conjunctivitis in the person administering the vaccine, contact of eyes and airways with the vaccine virus should be prevented. Therefore it is recommended to wear respiratory and eye protection in compliance with current European standards.
- Open ampoules holding them at arm's length in order to prevent any risk of injury should an ampoule break.
- Wash and disinfect hands and equipment after vaccinating.
- For more information, contact the manufacturer.

#### 4.6 Adverse reactions (frequency and seriousness)

No general reactions or lesions were observed following the administration of one dose of vaccine.

#### 4.7 Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay

The vaccine is only intended for use in newly hatched chicks and is not appropriate after the age of one day. The data available on the properties of the strain are not indicative of a detrimental effect on the reproductive tract.

#### 4.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

No information is available on the safety and the efficacy from the concurrent use of this vaccine with any other except with frozen live vaccine against Infectious Bronchitis containing H120 strain (Massachusetts serotype), and with recombinant HVT vaccine expressing the protective antigen of the Infectious Bursal disease virus. It is therefore recommended that no other vaccines than these should be administered within 14 days before or after vaccination with the product.

## 4.9 Amounts to be administered and administration route

### 4.9.1 Reconstitution of the vaccine

1. Prepare a container filled with the appropriate quantity of clean non-chlorinated drinking water (7 to 30 ml per box of 100 chicks according to the type of sprayer used in the hatchery).
2. Wear protective gloves and spectacles whilst thawing and opening the ampoules. Maximal precautions when handling liquid nitrogen should be taken. Refer to the section 4.5. Special precautions for use.
3. Remove from the liquid nitrogen container only those ampoules carried by a green cane which are to be used during the vaccination session.
4. Thaw the contents of the ampoules rapidly by agitation in water at 25-30°C. Proceed immediately to next step.
5. As soon as they are completely thawed, open the ampoules by holding them at arm's length in order to minimise risk of injury should the ampoule break.
6. Once the ampoule is open, draw up the content into a 10-ml sterile syringe.
7. Transfer the suspension into the container containing the appropriate quantity of clean non-chlorinated water prepared at step 1.
8. Draw up 5 ml of the contents of the container into the syringe.
9. Rinse the ampoule with these 5 ml, and then transfer the rinsing liquid into the container.
10. Repeat the rinsing operation once or twice.
11. Where a frozen live vaccine against Infectious Bronchitis containing H120 strain (Massachusetts serotype) is to be used concurrently presented in a second ampoule carry out again the steps 3 to 10 (opening the ampoule, drawing up vaccine, rinsing the ampoule) with the second ampoule of vaccine. Then, transfer the contents of this second ampoule into the container which has previously been used for the first vaccine.
12. The reconstituted vaccine prepared as described is ready for use. It should be used immediately after preparation and therefore the vaccine suspension should only be prepared as and when required.
13. Discard any ampoules that have been accidentally thawed. Do not re-freeze under any circumstances.

### 4.9.2 Posology

One administration of the product from day-old, via the respiratory route (spray application), followed by one administration of a freeze-dried vaccine with live Newcastle disease virus VG/GA strain, from the same company by oral route (drinking water application) at the age of 2 to 3 weeks. The minimal interval between the two vaccinations should be 2 weeks.

### 4.9.3 Method of administration

- The vaccine is intended for mass vaccination of chicks in the hatchery, the vaccine solution should be applied as a coarse spray whilst the chicks are in their chick boxes.
- Spray the vaccine solution above the birds using a sprayer that enables production of drops of 100 µm or more that cover the chicks with the vaccine, so the vaccine is administered directly to their eye and the droplets pearls that shine on the down will encourage them to pick them off of each other and from the surface of the box.
- For effective vaccine distribution, make sure that birds are closely confined together during spraying. During and after vaccination ventilation should be switched off in order to avoid turbulences.

## 4.10 Overdose (symptoms, emergency procedures, antidotes), if necessary

No side effects have been observed following the administration of more than 10 times the recommended dose of vaccine.

## 4.11 Withdrawal Period(s)

Zero days.

## 5 PHARMACOLOGICAL or IMMUNOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

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The vaccine contains live Newcastle disease virus, VG/GA strain. The vaccine stimulates active immunity against Newcastle disease.

## 6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

### 6.1 List of excipients

Protein hydrolysate  
Mannitol  
Polyvidone  
Sucrose  
Potassium glutamate  
Potassium phosphate  
Bovine albumin  
Water

### 6.2 Incompatibilities

The presence of disinfectant and/or antiseptic in water and material used for the preparation of the vaccine solution is not compatible with effective vaccination.

The product is incompatible with any other product, except live frozen vaccine against Infectious Bronchitis containing H120 strain (Massachussetts serotype).

### 6.3 Shelf-life

24 months.

Use immediately after opening the vials and administer within 2 hours after preparation of the vaccine for use.

### 6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store and transport the vaccine in liquid nitrogen (-196°C) and regularly check the level of liquid nitrogen. Store the reconstituted vaccine at a temperature lower than 25°C.

### 6.5 Nature and composition of immediate packaging

Type I glass ampoule, 4-green ampoules cane.

Ampoule canes are stored in canisters, and within liquid nitrogen containers.

10,000-dose ampoule

15,000-dose ampoule

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

### 6.6 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal products or waste materials

Dispose of waste material and any unused veterinary medicinal product by boiling, incineration or immersion in an appropriate disinfectant in accordance with national requirements.

**7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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8<sup>th</sup> August 2008

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