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Eurofen 20 mg Tablets for Dogs

PRODUCT SUMMARY

EU Procedure number<?xml:namespace prefix = "o" ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />	IE/V/0266/001/DC
Name, strength and pharmaceutical form	Eurofen 20 mg Tablets for Dogs
Active substance	Carprofen
Applicant	Eurovet Animal Health B.V.
Legal basis of application	Generic application in accordance with Article 13(1) of Directive 2001/82/EC as amended.
Date of completion of procedure	18/05/2011
Target species	Dogs
Indication for use	Reduction of inflammation and pain caused by musculo-skeletal disorders and degenerative joint disease. As a follow up to parenteral analgesia in the management of post-operative pain.
ATCvet code	QM01AE91
Concerned Member States	DE

PUBLIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The public assessment report reflects the scientific conclusion reached by the HPRA at the end of the evaluation process and provides a summary of the grounds for approval of the marketing authorisation for the specific veterinary medicinal product. It is made available by the HPRA for information to the public, after the deletion of commercially confidential information. The legal basis for its creation and availability is contained in Article 25.4 of EC Directive 2001/82/EC as amended by Directive 2004/28/EC for veterinary medicinal products. It is a concise document which highlights the main parts of the documentation submitted by the applicant and the scientific evaluation carried out by the HPRA leading to the approval of the product for marketing in Ireland.

The Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) for this product is available on the HPRA’s website.

I SCIENTIFIC OVERVIEW

The product is produced and controlled using validated methods and tests, which ensure the consistency of the product released on the market.

It has been shown that the product can be safely used in the target species; the slight reactions observed are indicated in the SPC.

The product is safe for the user, and for the environment, when used as recommended. Suitable warnings and precautions are indicated in the SPC.

The efficacy of the product was demonstrated according to the claims made in the SPC.
The overall benefit/risk analysis is in favour of granting a marketing authorisation.

II QUALITY ASPECTS

A. Qualitative and Quantitative Particulars<?xml:namespace prefix = "o" ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

The product contains 20 mg Carprofen and the excipients lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, colloidal anhydrous silica and magnesium stearate.

The container/closure system consists of a blister pack comprised of PVC/PVdC with hard temper aluminium foil with pack sizes of 6, 10, 14, 20, 28, 30, 42, 50, 56, 60, 70, 84, 98, 100, 140, 180, 200, 250, 280, 300, 500 and 1000 tablets.

The product is an established pharmaceutical form and its development is adequately described in accordance with the relevant European guidelines.

B. Method of Preparation of the Product

The product is manufactured fully in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice at a licensed manufacturing site.

Process validation data on the product have been presented in accordance with the relevant European guidelines.

C. Control of Starting Materials

The active substance is Carprofen, an established active substance described in the European Pharmacopoeia. The active substance is manufactured in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice.

The active substance specification is considered adequate to control the quality of the material. Batch analytical data demonstrating compliance with this specification have been provided.

Specific Measures concerning the Prevention of the Transmission of Animal Spongiform Encephalopathies

There are no substances within the scope of the TSE Guideline present or used in the manufacture of this product.

D. Control on Intermediate Products

Not applicable.

E. Control Tests on the Finished Product

The finished product specification controls the relevant parameters for the pharmaceutical form. The tests in the specification, and their limits, have been justified and are considered appropriate to adequately control the quality of the product.

Satisfactory validation data for the analytical methods have been provided.

Batch analytical data from the proposed production site have been provided demonstrating compliance with the specification.

F. Stability

Stability data on the active substance have been provided in accordance with applicable European guidelines, demonstrating the stability of the active substance when stored under the approved conditions.

Stability data on the finished product have been provided in accordance with applicable European guidelines, demonstrating the stability of the product throughout its shelf life when stored under the approved conditions.

G. Other Information

Not applicable.

III SAFETY AND RESIDUES ASSESSMENT (PHARMACO-TOXICOLOGICAL)

III.A Safety Testing

The application is made in accordance with Article 13(1) of Directive 2001/82/EC, as amended (a generic application).

Comparative pharmacokinetic data provided in support of the application show that the test product is bioequivalent to the reference product (Rimadyl Tablets, VPA 10019/63/1-3); consequently, it can be concluded that the systemic effects of the two products in respect of safety and efficacy will be the same. To further support the safety of the final formulation, the Applicant has provided the results of a study that clearly demonstrates that the product is well tolerated in juvenile dogs when administered at up to 3 times the recommended treatment dose for 14 days. The proposed SPC for Eurofen reflects the authorised SPC of the reference product in Ireland.

In respect of user safety, the most likely route of human exposure to carprofen is through the skin or by deliberate ingestion. However, when the product is used in accordance with label recommendations the product is unlikely to result in toxicity.

The product is not expected to pose a hazard to the environment.

IV CLINICAL ASSESSMENT (EFFICACY)

As this is a generic application according to Article 13, and bioequivalence with a reference product has been demonstrated, efficacy studies are not required. The efficacy claims for this product are equivalent to those of the reference product.

V OVERALL CONCLUSION AND BENEFIT/RISK ASSESSMENT

The data submitted in the dossier demonstrate that when the product is used in accordance with the Summary of Product Characteristics, the benefit/risk profile for the target species is favourable and the quality and safety of the product for humans and the environment is acceptable.

VI POST-AUTHORISATION ASSESSMENTS

The SPC and package leaflet may be updated to include new information on the quality, safety and efficacy of the veterinary medicinal product. The current SPC is available on the HPRA website.

This section contains information on significant changes which have been made after the original procedure which are important for the quality, safety or efficacy of the product.

Changes:
None.