Guide to applying online for your VMD Special Import Certification (SIC) required for your immunotherapy order

Allergen-specific immunotherapy is one of the safest and most effective treatments for environmental allergies. It is a bespoke service that requires each treatment set to be made to order for each patient. As there are no manufacturers in the UK a Special Import Certificate (SIC) is required to allow importation from the EU. A single or multiple SIC can be obtained which lasts for 12 months. The certificate is free if applied for online.

If you wish to proceed with immunotherapy for your patient please email/fax us with:
1) A current SIC Import certificate from the VMD (all 3 pages)
2) An order (your selection of allergens for inclusion in the treatment set)

1. Go to www.vmd.defra.gov.uk
2. Click on the ‘Apply for a Special Import’ quick link on the top of the page in green writing.
3. This will take you through the application process stage by stage. Select EU authorised veterinary medicine, confirm that you are a UK registered vet and enter your RCVS number and confirm your practice details.
4. Product: click on Artuvetrin® Therapy, suspension for subcutaneous injection in dogs.
   Country of Origin: from the drop down menu, click on Netherlands.
5. Species: you will need to apply for separate certificates for dogs, cats or horses.
   You can apply for just one certificate per animal but we recommend you apply for a multiple animal certificate for the same species.
6. Input the number of animals you propose to treat with immunotherapy over the next 12 months.
   (no upper limit to the number of animals you place on the certificate)
   Amount of vaccine: 40ml per animal per year is recommended.
   Hence if you input 40 animals then you need to input 1600ml in the amount.
7. Proposed Importer click on Avacta Animal Health from the drop down list of importers.
8. Declaration: input/check your email address.

Delivery
The immunotherapy treatment sets are delivered direct to your practice within 10 working days. A charge for post and packaging is made for each order. Please contact customer services for further information on delivery charges.
Upon receipt, please store in a refrigerator.

Dosage Schedules
Each treatment set will last for 10 months at the recommended dosage rates. An initial induction protocol is followed by a monthly maintenance dose.

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Maintenance dose – 1.0ml every four weeks thereafter