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## 36 **Introduction**

37 For some time there has been considerable concern amongst all parties concerned with animal health  
38 in the EU about the lack of veterinary medicines for minor uses and for minor species. The European  
39 Medicines Agency (the Agency) at the behest of its Management Board began its discussions and  
40 consultations on this in 1998. The revision of the pharmaceutical legislation in 2004 recognised the  
41 need to address the availability issue for veterinary medicines. Among the provisions introduced,  
42 Article 79 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 [1] requires the Agency to introduce measures to assist  
43 applicants at the time of submitting applications for products for limited markets.

44 The Agency developed a policy on minor use and minor species (MUMS)/limited market  
45 (EMA/429080/2009-Rev.1) [2], which has been in effect since September 2009 intended to stimulate  
46 the development of new veterinary medicines for minor species and for rare diseases in major species  
47 that would otherwise not be developed in the current market conditions.

48 The measures made available range from administrative assistance through to fee reductions, and  
49 cover all aspects of applications from scientific advice, through maximum residue limits (MRLs), to  
50 marketing authorisation applications.

51 The previous policy document also described the procedural details and guidance for the  
52 implementation of the policy. Following a review of the MUMS/limited market policy in 2013/2014 in  
53 light of experience gained over five years in operation, the policy was updated. The updated policy is  
54 now separated out in line with the Agency working practice, into a policy document  
55 (EMA/308411/2014) [3] and this separate guidance document for applicants.

56 This document gives guidance for implementing the updated policy, describes the procedure and the  
57 steps to be followed by the applicant and the Agency when dealing with a request for classification and  
58 updates the previous guidance given in document EMA/429080/2009-Rev.1.

## 59 **1. Scope**

60 This guidance document relates to requests from applicants seeking to access incentives for  
61 MUMS/limited market products where a request for classification is made to the Committee for  
62 Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use (CVMP). Classification of products by CVMP is not necessary in  
63 the case of products intended for submission to national competent authorities where the  
64 recommendation on whether or not a product is indicated for a limited market lies with the authority  
65 concerned. However, potential applicants should note that the measures detailed in section 6,  
66 including scientific advice and MRL incentives, may be provided to products classified by CVMP as  
67 MUMS/limited market irrespective of the final authorisation route. Furthermore, it is expected that this  
68 procedure and the other related documents will assist authorities in terms of classifying indications at a  
69 national level as MUMS/limited market and a classification by the CVMP can be useful as guidance in  
70 particular for authorisations under decentralised or mutual recognition procedures.

71 Applicants may apply for classification in relation to products for minor species either when seeking  
72 authorisation of a new product indicated only for one or more minor species or when extending an  
73 existing authorisation to a new, minor species, for products intended for minor use in a major species  
74 or in respect to the establishment for maximum residue limits (MRLs) for (a) minor species.

75 This document has been prepared for guidance only and applicants must comply with Union legislative  
76 provisions, currently in force, relating to veterinary medicinal products.

## 77 2. Definitions

### 78 Minor species

79 There is no legislative definition in the EU for major or minor species. However, major species were  
80 defined by the CVMP according to animal population data and total consumption figures, using global  
81 numbers across the European Union for the purpose of CVMP guidelines in its position paper regarding  
82 availability of products for minor uses and minor species (MUMS) (EMA/CVMP/477/03-Final) [4].

83 All other animal species, which are not considered major, are as a consequence, by default, classed as  
84 minor species.

85 Major food-producing species:

- 86 • cattle (dairy and meat animals);
- 87 • sheep (meat animals);
- 88 • pigs;
- 89 • chickens (including laying hens);
- 90 • salmon<sup>1</sup>.

91 Major companion animal species:

- 92 • cats;
- 93 • dogs.

### 94 Minor use

95 Minor use in a major species is generally considered as the use of veterinary medicinal products for the  
96 treatment or prevention of diseases that occur infrequently or occur in limited geographical areas and  
97 thus are indicated for a smaller market sector.

### 98 Limited market

99 A 'limited market' for a veterinary medicinal product is a market that is limited in size due to the  
100 product being indicated for a disease or condition that represents a minor use in a major species or  
101 that occurs in a minor species.

102 While in the majority of cases the term 'limited market' is interchangeable with the term MUMS in the  
103 context of this document, there are situations where products may be indicated for MUMS but the  
104 market is not considered limited (such as most anthelmintics for horses, see section 4) and,  
105 conversely, there may be diseases which do not inherently have a low incidence or prevalence but the  
106 market in the EU is limited. Treatments of indications with low prevalence/incidence would be expected  
107 to have a low return on investment and thus represent a limited market. The term limited market is  
108 therefore retained both because it is the term used in Article 79 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 and  
109 to ensure that the scope of the policy fully encompasses all types of products for which the market in  
110 the EU is limited.

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<sup>1</sup> Salmon should be considered a major species, however other species of the *Salmonidae* family such as rainbow trout should be considered minor species.

111 Products concerning epizootic diseases which are subject to community control (e.g. Classical Swine  
112 Fever, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Bluetongue, avian influenza) represent a specific scenario, where the  
113 limited nature of the market is the result of a combination of legal, market and technical factors.  
114 Appropriate measures to assist applicants to develop vaccines against these diseases are developed on  
115 a case-by-case basis (e.g. data requirements, authorisation under exceptional circumstances, fee  
116 incentives, multistrain dossier approach) and they are therefore excluded from the scope of this policy.

### 117 **3. Principles for MUMS/limited market classification**

118 The concept for classifying a veterinary medicinal product as MUMS/limited market is based on the  
119 consideration whether an indication for a certain species constitutes a limited market or not. This is  
120 true for pharmaceutical as well as immunological veterinary medicinal products.

121 Historically, and originating from reflections regarding the establishment of maximum residue limits for  
122 food-producing species, the categorisation into minor and major species based on relative consumption  
123 of food of animal origin, was developed for pharmaceuticals; in respect to marketing authorisations in  
124 addition the element of minor use was introduced. As explained in the definition in Section 3, minor  
125 use is generally associated with a major species; its essence being indicated for a smaller market  
126 sector is embedded also in the concept for minor species.

127 In respect to immunologicals from the outset it was not considered useful to distinguish between minor  
128 or major species, but to identify the species and indication combination that represent a minor  
129 use/limited market.

130 The overriding element for both pharmaceuticals and immunologicals for the conclusion whether  
131 incentives, in particular deviations from standard data requirements, are applicable is the consideration  
132 whether the product under consideration represents a minor use/limited market.

133 In practice the classification for MUMS/limited market follows a stepwise approach (see flowchart  
134 below): In a first step it is established whether the product concerns a minor or major species and  
135 whether it constitutes a minor use/limited market or not.

136 Products intended for minor species (as defined above in Section 3) or classified as a minor use/limited  
137 market are eligible for the MUMS data requirements, where applicable. In rare cases, the CVMP may  
138 decide that although a product is indicated for a minor species, the market for the product is not  
139 limited (e.g. anthelmintics for horses) and thus for marketing authorisation applications the MUMS data  
140 requirements may not apply.

141 For immunologicals the CVMP established a non-exhaustive list of minor uses/limited market species  
142 and indication combinations intended to give a clear indication to all stakeholders on what constitutes a  
143 minor use/limited market for immunological veterinary medicinal products. This list was first published  
144 as annex to the CVMP guideline on data requirements for immunological veterinary medicinal products  
145 intended for minor use or minor species/limited market (EMA/CVMP/IWP/123243/2006) [5], and is  
146 now published as a separate list. Inclusion of an indication/species on the list indicates that the MUMS  
147 data requirements apply, as applicable (see section 6). The list is not intended to be exhaustive and  
148 the list may therefore be subject to updating by the CVMP and further species and indication  
149 combinations considered minor/limited market may be added or combinations be excluded from the list  
150 when vaccines have become available.

151 Where a product is not covered by the list, a case-by-case recommendation is necessary to consider  
152 whether the proposed product complies with the current definitions. Based on the information provided

153 by the applicant, the CVMP will recommend whether to classify the product as a minor use/limited  
154 market.

155 The development of a short list of highly needed pharmaceuticals is envisaged for the future as a  
156 complementary tool for companies to obtain an insight for product needs that are expected to  
157 encourage product developments in the identified areas, which is expected not to be limited to  
158 MUMS/limited market products.

159 In respect of the consideration whether a product constitutes a minor use, classification depends on  
160 prevalence within the EU of the condition concerned. Low prevalence/incidence of the condition or  
161 disease may result from the natural epidemiology of the disease and/or limited geographical spread of  
162 the disease within the EU in one or a few areas.

163 Experience has shown that there is insufficient data in the veterinary domain with respect to the  
164 incidence and prevalence of diseases to enable objective cut off values to be established below which a  
165 disease is considered to present a minor market. The CVMP will review the data presented by  
166 applicants and continue to consider products on a case-by-case basis, thereby continuing to gain  
167 experience and establish precedence.

168 This document describes the criteria for classification of products as MUMS/limited market in the  
169 EU/EEA. Whilst the CVMP will take note that products have been designated as MUMS in other regions,  
170 this will not directly affect classification by CVMP as the definition of MUMS may not be the same and  
171 the prevalence and incidence of a disease may be different in different regions. MUMS status in other  
172 regions can be provided for information to CVMP.

## 173 **Principles for financial incentives**

174 The recommendation if the product under consideration is awarded financial incentives is taken as a  
175 second step provided the product is indicated for MUMS/limited market.

176 It has long been recognised by the veterinary community that the availability of veterinary medicines  
177 is most restricted in terms of products indicated for MUMS/limited market in food-producing species,  
178 whereas the situation is less acute with respect to products for companion animals. There are many  
179 reasons underlying this situation but the major factor is the high cost and relatively low return on  
180 investment for the development of MUMS/limited market products for food-producing species, making  
181 the potential market for such products extremely limited. Therefore financial incentives are restricted  
182 to MUMS/limited market products for food-producing animals.

183 Products classified by CVMP as MUMS/limited market but indicated for a non-food producing species  
184 are not eligible for fee incentives from the EMA under this policy. However, in line with Article 9(1) of  
185 the EMA Fee Regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No 297/95, as amended) [6] in exceptional  
186 circumstances and for imperative reasons of public or animal health, fee reductions may be granted on  
187 a case by case basis by the Executive Director after consultation of the competent scientific committee.  
188 Applicants are advised to contact the EMA ([vet.applications@ema.europa.eu](mailto:vet.applications@ema.europa.eu)) if they consider that their  
189 product might fall within this definition.

190 In general the CVMP will not recommend financial incentives for products where an alternative  
191 veterinary medicinal product is authorised for the same indication in the same target species, unless  
192 significant therapeutic benefit is shown by the product requesting classification. The product must  
193 therefore represent a significant improvement in terms of availability either by being of added  
194 therapeutic benefit compared to existing treatments, or filling an unmet need (i.e. no other product  
195 available).

196 An alternative product is a product that falls within the same broad therapeutic area and not generally  
197 sub-classifications within it (for example, for an alternative cardiovascular product to reduce blood  
198 pressure a beta blocker and ACE inhibitor would fall in the same broad therapeutic category).  
199 Pharmaceutical and immunological products are considered separately on their own merits and the two  
200 types of medicine are not compared when deciding on added benefit in a particular therapeutic area  
201 (e.g vaccines to prevent a bacterial infection are not compared with antibiotics to treat the same  
202 infection).

203 In the absence of any authorised veterinary medicinal product, where an applicant submits a request  
204 for classification and the application is deemed to comply with the criteria in place, then the product  
205 will be recommended for financial incentives, irrespective of whether or not another product for the  
206 same indication in the same target species is already receiving financial incentives prior to its  
207 authorisation. However once a product has been authorised by a licensing authority for that indication  
208 in the target species within the EU then no new recommendations for financial incentives will be given  
209 in the same therapeutic area, as a product will already be available in the marketplace for the  
210 proposed indication. Products which have already benefited from financial incentives prior to the first  
211 authorisation will continue to benefit from the incentives in place.

212 Regulation (EC) No 2049/2005 concerning micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)  
213 foresees the adoption of specific provisions allowing a reduction of fees, deferring the payment of fees,  
214 and providing administrative assistance for SME registered applicants. Fee incentives are not  
215 cumulative and where an applicant could, in respect of the same fee, benefit from more than one  
216 category of fee reduction or incentive (e.g. MUMS/limited market and/or micro, small or medium sized  
217 enterprises) the provisions which are the most favourable to the applicant would apply.

218 Financial incentives are limited to products indicated for food producing animals since September  
219 2013.

#### 220 Horses - special considerations

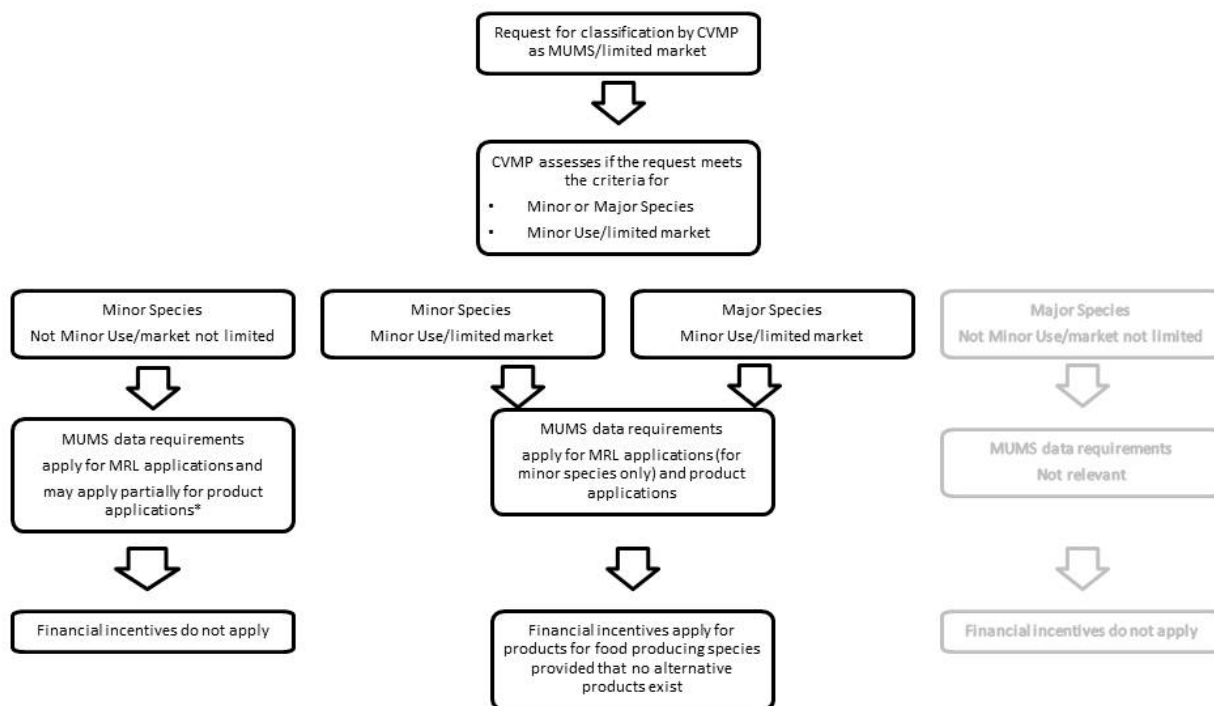
221 Horses are considered a minor species and veterinary medicinal products for horses are therefore  
222 eligible for MUMS data requirements, with possible exceptions in rare cases as explained in section 4.  
223 As with all MUMS products, the actual level of data requirements will depend on the particular product  
224 and applicants will therefore be recommended to seek scientific advice on the specific data  
225 requirements that would apply.

226 Horses are considered as a food producing species unless declarations have been provided in  
227 accordance with Commission Decisions 93/623/EEC and 2000/68/EC as not being intended for  
228 slaughter for human consumption. Most veterinary medicinal products indicated for horses in the EU  
229 are administered to horses at a time when their ultimate fate with respect to the food chain is  
230 unknown. Only a minority of products are administered to horses that are clearly destined for the food  
231 chain at the time of treatment. Horses will therefore not be considered as food producing animals  
232 within the scope of the revised MUMS/limited market policy and products for horses will therefore not  
233 generally be eligible for fee incentives.

234 In exceptional cases, applicants may request fee incentives on the basis that they intend to make (an)  
235 MRL application(s) so that the veterinary medicinal product concerned can be used in horses that are  
236 intended for the food chain. This specific exemption from the general approach is intended to support  
237 the objective of increasing the availability of products that can be used in horses which ultimately enter  
238 the food chain, whether their ultimate fate is known at the time of treatment or not.

239 A flow chart outlining the classification procedure described in the text above is presented below (for  
240 illustration purposes only).

## Classification of products as indicated for a MUMS/limited market



\* Applicants are advised to seek scientific advice on the extent to which MUMS data requirements would apply to any product for minor species where CVMP considers that the market is not limited as data requirements depend on both the type of the product and on the extent of expected use

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## 243 4. Procedure

244 A general outline of the procedure for MUMS/limited market classification is provided in the SOP -  
245 CVMP MUMS Classification procedure SOP/V/4055 [14].

246 For a pharmaceutical veterinary medicinal product, the applicant should complete the template for a  
247 request for classification and send this to the EMA providing all relevant information. The request  
248 should clearly indicate if it concerns a minor species or a minor use/limited market where additional  
249 information should be provided as detailed in the template.

250 In the case of an immunological veterinary product, the applicant should in the first instance, consult  
251 the list of immunological veterinary products identified as minor use/limited market (*reference to be  
252 added*) and verify if the product is included. If the product is included in the list then the applicant  
253 should write to the CVMP indicating they wish to have their product classified and that it is included in  
254 the list. If the product/indication/species is not included in the list and the applicant believes it may be  
255 eligible for MUMS/limited market incentives, a request should be submitted to the Agency for  
256 consideration. The information to be provided is as detailed below, on the request form template.

257 The information supporting a request a MUMS/limited market classification should be submitted using  
258 the Request form Template [7]

259 ([http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Template\\_or\\_form/2013/10/WC50015335  
260 8.doc](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Template_or_form/2013/10/WC500153358.doc)).



261 The applicant should provide information on:

- 262 • The product (e.g. active substance, finished product, mechanism of action, proposed indication  
263 and method of use);
- 264 • On the status of the development of the product relevant for the classification;
- 265 • The species - major or minor - and if food producing or not – intention to establish an MRL, or  
266 physiological status of species (e.g. sows), as appropriate;
- 267 • Prevalence of the condition in the EU - best available evidence for the incidence/prevalence of  
268 the disease including peer-reviewed published literature;
- 269 • Current and/or alternative approaches to therapy and available treatments;
- 270 • Severity of the condition and the need for this medicinal product;
- 271 • Potential zoonoses;
- 272 • Is the product indicated for a disease that is subject to Community control measures?

273 Applicants should complete the template with the information requested and also provide any  
274 additional relevant information to support their request.

275 Requests for classification that are received 20 days in advance of the CVMP meeting will be forwarded  
276 to the next monthly CVMP meeting for consideration. A request for classification in order to avail of the  
277 incentives offered should be addressed to the EMA Veterinary Medicines – MUMS at 30 Churchill Place,  
278 Canary Wharf, London E14 5EU, UK or by email to [VetMUMSapplications@ema.europa.eu](mailto:VetMUMSapplications@ema.europa.eu).

279 The Agency checks if sufficient information and justifications are provided by the applicant in the  
280 request to substantiate the classification of their product. The applicant is informed if there is a need to  
281 complement the information provided or provide additional information. If major additional  
282 information is needed that cannot be provided within 5 working days, the procedure is deferred to the  
283 next starting date.

284 The requests received will be evaluated by the CVMP in accordance with the criteria of minor use/minor  
285 species/limited market, as agreed. Requests will be evaluated based on the information provided by  
286 the applicant in the completed template along with any supporting information. In straightforward  
287 requests the CVMP will classify the product as MUMS/limited market and the applicant will be informed  
288 following that CVMP meeting by the EMA secretariat.

289 In more complex cases, there may be a need to appoint a CVMP member or alternate to review in  
290 more detail the request and provide a recommendation to the CVMP. This will normally be done within  
291 one month, but can exceptionally require longer time if e.g. additional consultation is needed, and the  
292 applicant will then be informed of the outcome. It is also envisaged that additional information may  
293 need to be requested in some cases and the timetable will then depend on the timing of the response  
294 of the applicant with the requested information.

295 There is no fee for classification or for any pre-submission meeting with the EMA in order to discuss if a  
296 product may be considered eligible for classification, for financial incentives, or for any advice on what  
297 information should be provided within a request.

298 Once an applicant has received confirmation that the CVMP has classified the product as indicated for  
299 MUMS/limited market and in the case of products for food producing species has recommended the  
300 granting of financial incentives, the applicant then has access to the respective benefits with respect to  
301 the scientific advice, MRL application or centralised marketing authorisation procedures.

302 An applicant may request classification for any product irrespective of the intended route of  
303 authorisation. Incentives such as free scientific advice or extension of an MRL may be requested for all  
304 routes of authorisation (centralised or decentralised routes). Specific financial incentives for  
305 authorisation that relate only to the centralised procedure will be dependent on the veterinary  
306 medicinal product having shown eligibility for the centralised procedure. Requests for eligibility to the  
307 centralised procedure should be sent in the usual way (see pre-submission guidance documents on  
308 EMA website).

309 It is necessary to set a reasonable period of validity to provide applicants with the predictability they  
310 require to invest in bringing a new product to market. Conversely, it is necessary periodically to review  
311 the classification of indications to take into account changes in the epidemiology of the condition  
312 concerned. The classification is therefore valid for five years from the notification by the CVMP.  
313 Applicants should apply for any of the benefits outlined above, within this time period. At the end of  
314 the five years a request to extend the financial incentives awarded if applicable should be submitted to  
315 the CVMP in writing. While the EMA aims to notify applicants 6 months prior to the expiry of the 5 year  
316 classification time period, it remains the responsibility of the applicant to submit a request for renewal  
317 in time.

318 Where classification of a product as MUMS/limited market is rejected by the CVMP the applicant can  
319 ask for re-examination. The applicant shall ask for re-examination by written request to the CVMP  
320 within 60 days of receipt of the notification letter. The applicant has to provide detailed grounds for re-  
321 examination. He may also provide additional data to substantiate any grounds on which re-  
322 examination is made. The timetable for the CVMP consideration of the re-examination will be similar to  
323 that outlined for initial requests. The outcome of the re-examination will be notified to the applicant  
324 following the final recommendation of the CVMP. There is no fee for a re-examination procedure.

## 325 **5. Incentives provided**

326 The incentives available for products classified as MUMS/limited market include data requirements that  
327 recognise the limited markets for the products concerned, financial incentives in terms of fee  
328 waiver/fee reduction for eligible MUMS/limited market products for food producing animals as well as  
329 incentives in the form of additional administrative and procedural advice.

### 330 **MUMS data requirements**

331 The confirmation of data requirements is an important measure to assist applicants. Products classified  
332 by CVMP as indicated for MUMS/limited market should refer to the individual CVMP guidelines on data  
333 requirements for MUMS [5, 10-12]. However, potential applicants are strongly advised to check with  
334 the relevant regulatory authority the application of these data requirements (specifically, reductions in  
335 requirements) for any intended application. Reductions will most likely be limited for novel therapeutic  
336 products or for any first in class authorisation for a veterinary medicine. The extent of reduction  
337 depends on the nature of the product and the indication. Applicants may also request scientific advice  
338 on their individual data package to provide additional reassurance on the data package required in  
339 each specific case.

### 340 **Financial incentives for eligible products classified as MUMS/limited market**

341 The following reductions or waivers are available for products classified as MUMS/limited market  
342 intended for food producing animals for which the CVMP has issued a recommendation

343 • **Scientific advice**

344 There will be no fee for applications for scientific advice relating to products indicated for MUMS/limited  
345 market that are recommended for financial incentives.

346 The standard application procedure will apply for companies requesting scientific advice (see EMA  
347 guidance for companies requesting scientific advice ([EMEA/CVMP/172329/2004-Rev.3 \[8\]](#))).

348 Scientific advice is restricted to purely scientific issues and the main areas of advice are quality, safety,  
349 clinical development, MRLs and bioequivalence. Scientific advice may be requested with respect to the  
350 determining the compliance of a proposed development plan with the published guidelines on dossier  
351 requirements for MUMS/limited market products.. These requests enable an applicant to put together  
352 an outline of their dossier and to receive assurance that the proposed dossier will contain the  
353 necessary information for authorisation in compliance with the possibilities for the reduction of data in  
354 the different sections of the dossier. The review carried out within this type of scientific advice request  
355 will not take the form of a pre-assessment of scientific data but will simply confirm whether or not the  
356 proposed approach is compliant with relevant MUMS guidelines.

357 • **Applications for the establishment of MRLs (including extension of**  
358 **MRLs)**

359 For a substance confirmed by CVMP as indicated for MUMS/limited market with financial incentives, the  
360 applicant can obtain

361 1. Fee reduction for the MRL applications:

362 A fee reduction of 50% is applicable for MRL applications for a pharmacologically active substance for  
363 which no MRL is established and is intended exclusively for a product classified as MUMS/limited  
364 market and for applications for the extension of an existing MRL to a minor species where the need to  
365 assess new data exists.

366 Requests for the extension of MRLs, i.e. the extension of existing MRLs to an additional, , species  
367 based on existing data and provided that the criteria as described in the up-to-date CVMP guidance  
368 ([EMEA/CVMP/187/00-Final](#)) have been fulfilled, will be processed by the EMA/CVMP free of charge.

369 2. Fee exemptions in the event of failure of validation

370 A fee exemption will be given on the normal fee charged in the event of failure of validation of a  
371 dossier for an MRL application for an eligible substance.

372 • **Centralised marketing authorisation application**

373 If eligibility for the centralised procedure is confirmed by CVMP for an application that concerns a  
374 product the CVMP has previously classified as MUMS/limited market with financial incentives, the  
375 applicant can obtain:

376 1. Fee reduction for authorisation applications and maintenance

377 As a general rule, applications for MUMS/limited market will attract the same fee as generic medicinal  
378 products where financial incentives apply. This will reduce the cost of obtaining and maintaining a  
379 centralised authorisation as a 50% fee reduction for authorisation and 75% reduction for annual fees  
380 will apply.

381 A centralised application that concerns more than one target species at the time of submission, only  
382 one of which is MUMS, will not attract a reduced fee as the current fee structure is set up so that  
383 additional target species do not attract an additional fee.

384 For SMEs an applicant may request deferral of the fee payable for a centralised application for  
385 marketing authorisation to within 45 days of the date of the final decision on the marketing  
386 authorisation or, in the event of withdrawal of the application, to within 45 days of the date of  
387 notification of withdrawal.

388 2. Fee exemptions in the event of failure of validation

389 A fee exemption will be given on the normal fee charged in the event of failure of validation of a  
390 dossier for a marketing authorisation.

391 Current fees applicable are published on the Agency website in the document entitled 'Explanatory  
392 note on fees payable to the European Medicines Agency' [13].

393 Requests for a fee reduction for an MRL application or centralised marketing authorisation submission  
394 of a product classified as MUMS/limited market should be submitted in the usual way at the time of the  
395 indication of the intent to submit an application. For details and timelines of the submission of the  
396 request please refer to the published pre-submission guidance  
397 [http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/regulation/general/general\\_content\\_000171.js](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/regulation/general/general_content_000171.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058002d9ab)  
398 [p&mid=WC0b01ac058002d9ab](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/regulation/general/general_content_000171.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058002d9ab)

## 399 **Administrative and procedural assistance**

400 A greater level of advice and assistance for products classified as MUMS/limited market are provided  
401 in terms of pre-submission meetings for potential centralised applications and advice in relation to  
402 putting an application together for any type of application where scientific advice or MRL applications  
403 are being considered. The administrative and procedural incentive already applies to SME companies.

404 Assistance with translations of the product information is applicable only if the submission of the  
405 application for marketing authorisation comes from a currently registered SME at the Agency (see  
406 SOP/EMA/0100- *Translation of product information for SME applicants of the centralised procedure*).

## 407 **6. Transparency**

408 The classification will be published in order to be transparent in line with the Agency policy and to allow  
409 potential applicants to view previous classifications. The outcome of the request for consideration for  
410 MUMS/limited market classification will be published in the press release of the relevant CVMP meeting  
411 in general terms.

412 The publication will consist of the following information:

- 413 • Product description e.g. pharmaceutical or immunological
- 414 • Species concerned
- 415 • Broad Therapeutic area e.g. oncology or antibacterial
- 416 • Outcome of the classification whether or not the CVMP considered that the product was  
417 indicated for MUMS/limited market
- 418 • Date of CVMP meeting

419 Details of the applicant or active substance would not be included. This information may also be  
420 published in the Agency annual report as part of a report of measures provided by the Agency to  
421 applicants to assist with authorisation of products for limited market under Article 79 of Regulation  
422 726/2004. A table of recommendations related to these applications will be maintained on the EMA  
423 website.  
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## 425 7. Reference documents

426 *It should be highlighted that this document has been produced for guidance only and should be read in*  
427 *conjunction with applicable legislation.*

- 428 1. Regulation (EC) 726/2004 of the European Parliament and Council of 31 March 2004.
- 429 2. Policy on Classification and Incentives for Veterinary Medicinal Products indicated for Minor use  
430 Minor species (MUMS)/limited market (EMA/429080/2009-Rev.1) – *to be superseded*
- 431 3. Revised Policy on Classification and Incentives for Veterinary Medicinal Products indicated for Minor  
432 use Minor species (MUMS)/limited market (EMA/308411/2014).
- 433 4. Position Paper regarding availability of products for Minor Uses and Minor Species (MUMS)  
434 (EMA/CVMP/477/03-Final)  
435 [http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Position\\_statement/2009/10/WC50000](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Position_statement/2009/10/WC50000)  
436 [5163.pdf](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Position_statement/2009/10/WC500005163.pdf)
- 437 5. Data requirements for immunological veterinary medicinal products intended for minor use or  
438 minor species. Available at:  
439 [http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Scientific\\_guideline/2010/04/WC50008](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Scientific_guideline/2010/04/WC50008)  
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- 441 6. Commission Regulation (EC) 249/2009 on fees payable to the EMA. Available at:  
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444 market. Available at:  
445 [http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Template\\_or\\_form/2013/10/WC500153](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Template_or_form/2013/10/WC500153)  
446 [358.doc](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Template_or_form/2013/10/WC500153358.doc)
- 447 8. Guidance for companies requesting scientific advice (EMA/CVMP/172329/2004-Rev. 3). Available  
448 at:  
449 [http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Regulatory\\_and\\_procedural\\_guideline/2](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Regulatory_and_procedural_guideline/2)  
450 [009/10/WC500004147.pdf](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Regulatory_and_procedural_guideline/2009/10/WC500004147.pdf)
- 451 9. Commission Regulation (EC) No 2049/2005 laying down rules regarding the payment of fees to,  
452 and the receipt of administrative assistance, from the European Medicines Agency by micro, small  
453 and medium-sized enterprises. Available at: [http://eur-](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2005:329:0004:0007:EN:PDF)  
454 [lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2005:329:0004:0007:EN:PDF](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2005:329:0004:0007:EN:PDF)
- 455 10. Quality data requirements for veterinary medicinal products intended for minor uses or minor  
456 species. Available at:  
457 [http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Scientific\\_guideline/2009/10/WC50000](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Scientific_guideline/2009/10/WC50000)  
458 [4277.pdf](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Scientific_guideline/2009/10/WC500004277.pdf)
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464 minor uses or minor species. Available at:

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469 [ng\\_000327.jsp&mid=WCOb01ac0580024596](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/regulation/document_listing/document_listi)

470 14. SOP/V/4055- CVMP MUMS Classification procedure.

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## 483 **8. Abbreviations**

484 CVMP: Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use

485 EC: European Commission

486 EMA: European Medicines Agency

487 MRL: Maximum residue limit

488 MUMS: Minor use minor species

489 SME: Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises