



COMMITTEE FOR VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

SAMBUCI FLOS

SUMMARY REPORT

1. *Sambuci flos* (elder flower) are the dried flowers of *Sambucus nigra* L. The pharmacologically and toxicologically relevant components are: flavonoids (up to 3.0%) and hydroxycinnamic acid derivatives and the essential oil (0.03-0.3%) containing over 60 different components.
2. *Sambuci flos* is contained in one veterinary medicinal product containing in total 14 active principles, intended to be used for inducing heat and rut in cattle, horses, pigs, sheep and goats. *Sambuci flos* constitutes 10% of this product. The doses are 50 g of the product twice a day on two consecutive days for cattle and horses, and 10-20 g twice a day on 3-4 consecutive days for sheep, goats and pigs.
3. *Sambuci flos* is used in traditional human medicine as a diaphoretic and to treat common cold.
4. *Sambuci flos* is used in the preparation of food and drink and can be considered as part of the human diet.

Conclusions and recommendation

Having considered the criteria laid down by the Committee for the inclusion of substances in Annex II of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2377/90 and in particular that:

- *Sambuci flos* is a normal component of human food,
- *Sambuci flos* is used infrequently and for treatment of individual animals;

the Committee concludes that there is no need to establish maximum residue limits for *Sambuci flos* and recommends its inclusion in Annex II to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 in accordance with the following table:

Pharmacologically active substance(s)	Animal species	Other provisions
<i>Sambuci flos</i>	All food producing species	