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ANNOUNCEMENT

Medicines for bees-What the EMEA can do to increase availability

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) will hold a workshop to discuss the current situation with the availability of medicines for bees on **14-15 December 2009** at the EMA in London.

The EMA acknowledges that the problems of the bee keeping sector and the decline in the bee population all over Europe are complex and diverse. The aim of this workshop will be to contribute to the availability of medicinal products which is one of the problems identified for the bee keeping sector. The workshop will bring together experts from the bee keeping and honey production section, experts in bee diseases and treatment of bees, representatives from the regulatory authorities of Member States, the European Commission, the animal health industry and other interested parties and provide the opportunity to discuss possible approaches forward to identify most needed treatment options for bees and if possible towards a list of essential substances.

To express your interest in attending the workshop, please use the attached registration form and send it back to the EMA (vetMUMS@emea.europa.eu) before 20 November 2009. Please note that limited places are available for the workshop. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The official invitations and the final agenda will be sent to the participants in due course.

The EMA looks forward to welcoming you at the workshop.