

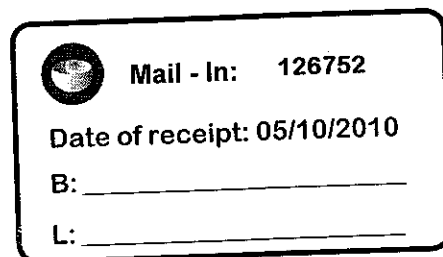


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Subject: **Withdrawal of Gallimune Flu H₅N₉ (i) (avian influenza vaccine)
Centralized Procedure EMEA/V/C/002229
Marketing Authorisation under exceptional circumstances**

Dear Sir,

I would like to inform you that, at this point in time, Merial has taken the decision to withdraw the application for Marketing Authorization for the vaccine:

Gallimune Flu H₅N₉ (i)
(Inactivated adjuvanted vaccine against avian influenza)

This withdrawal is based on the following reason:

The company's investment in Research and Development to solve the remaining issues against the potential of a positive outcome is no longer justified.

We reserve the right to make further submissions at a future date in this or other therapeutic indication(s)/target species, if applicable.

I agree for this letter to be published on the EMA website.

Yours faithfully,