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NOTICE: RT10-2-2023

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NOTICE 1: ADDITIONAL ENQUIRIES

RT10-2-2023: SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND OFFLOADING OF VETERINARY REMEDIES TO THE STATE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 2028

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	Item RT10-2-043: We have not identified a currently available product containing gentamicin 3 mg/g as the sole active ingredient. Available veterinary ear products contain gentamicin in combination with corticosteroids and/or additional antimicrobial or antifungal active ingredients. May a currently registered combination otic product containing gentamicin be quoted where it is indicated for the treatment of canine ear infections?	Provided that the base/main active ingredient contains the exact quantity and/or strength specified. A clone, equivalent or direct generic product will be acceptable.
2.	Item RT10-2-053: The specified Mastiplan LC formulation could not be identified as currently available in South Africa. May an alternative currently registered intramammary product for treatment of clinical mastitis in lactating cattle be quoted where the active ingredients differ from the specified formulation?	No. Products containing different active ingredient(s) from the advertised specification will not be accepted. If the base/main active ingredient contains the exact quantity and/or strength specified, a clone, equivalent or direct generic product will be acceptable.



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3.	Item RT10-2-080: Folligon®, which appears to correspond to the specification, has reportedly been discontinued. Will an alternative currently registered serum gonadotrophin/eCG product be accepted, and, if so, may a different vial strength or presentation be offered where the equivalent dose can be administered?	If the base/main active ingredient contain the exact quantity and/or strength. OR IF THE MG/ML RATIO IS THE SAME AS TO STRENGTH/QUANTITY REQUESTED. A clone, therapeutic equivalent, or direct generic product.
4.	Item RT10-2-090: We have not identified the exact formulation described from our current suppliers. May an alternative commercially available hand scrub be quoted where it has the same intended use but differs in the exact antimicrobial composition, concentration, fragrance and/or colour?	If the base/main active ingredient contains the exact quantity and/or strength specified, or if the mg/mL ratio is equivalent to the required strength/quantity, a clone, equivalent or direct generic product will be acceptable.
5.	Item RT10-2-103: The closest available product identified is FarrowSure®, which provides the relevant erysipelas and leptospirosis coverage but also contains porcine parvovirus (PPV) antigen. Will FarrowSure® or another registered combination vaccine containing erysipelas and leptospirosis antigens, together with an additional PPV component, be accepted?	No. Products containing additional active components will not be accepted. If the base/main active ingredient contains the exact quantity and/or strength specified, or if the mg/mL ratio is equivalent to the required strength/quantity, a clone, equivalent or direct generic product will be acceptable.
6.	Item RT10-2-110:	No. No alternative product may be offered.



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	Avian tuberculin has reportedly been discontinued by our supplier. Is an alternative registered source or equivalent product acceptable, or should this item be regarded as unavailable and therefore not quoted?	If the product is discontinued, do not quote the item.
7.	Item RT10-2-114: We have not identified a live attenuated Newcastle disease vaccine matching the specification that is supplied in a 500 mL presentation. May the required quantity be supplied using an alternative registered pack size or presentation, provided that the product otherwise complies with the required indication and route of administration?	The Unit of Measure is hereby revised from 500 mL to 10 × 2 500 doses. Bidders must therefore submit their pricing based on the revised Unit of Measure of 10 x 2500 doses.
8.	Item RT10-2-118: Avinew Neo® has reportedly been discontinued. May an alternative currently registered live Newcastle disease vaccine be quoted where it provides the same intended disease protection but differs in strain, formulation and/or presentation?	No. No alternative product may be offered.
9.	Item RT10-2-119: Nobivac® Tricat Trio, which appears to correspond to the specified strains, has reportedly been discontinued. The currently available Feligen® CRP provides protection against the same three feline diseases but contains different registered vaccine strains. Will Feligen® CRP, or another currently registered feline core	No. Products containing different vaccine strains will not be accepted. If the base/main active ingredient contains the exact quantity and/or strength specified, a clone, equivalent or direct generic product will be acceptable.



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	combination vaccine, be accepted as an alternative despite the difference in vaccine strains?	
10.	Item RT10-2-124: We have not identified the exact specified formulation. Antidote® is available but does not contain the exact active-ingredient formulation stated in the specification. May Antidote® be quoted as an alternative where it is registered/marketed for the same intended use but differs from the specified formulation?	No. No different active ingredients. If the base/main active ingredient contains the exact quantity and/or strength specified, a clone, equivalent or direct generic product will be acceptable.
11.	Item RT10-2-125: We have not identified the exact specified formulation. Prolyte with Glutamine® is available but does not contain the exact formulation or stated dextrose percentage. May Prolyte with Glutamine® be quoted as an alternative where it provides comparable nutritional and electrolyte support but differs from the specified composition?	The advertised specification remains unchanged. Products offered must comply with the advertised specification.
12.	Where an otherwise fully compliant product is available only in a different pack size from that specified, and no product is commercially available in the exact requested pack size, may the bidder quote the available commercial pack size?	Include the product with different pack sizes; IF THE MG/ML RATIO IS THE SAME AS TO STRENGTH/QUANTITY REQUESTED – calculations can be done to convert if the strength/dosage/per ml/L correlates.



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13.	For line items where the specification states only “tablet,” “capsule,” “dose,” or another individual unit, but does not specify a commercial pack size, may the bidder quote the product in its manufacturer’s original commercially available pack size?	Yes, just clearly indicate the above on the quoted product. Include the product with different pack sizes; IF THE MG/ML RATIO IS THE SAME AS TO STRENGTH/QUANTITY REQUESTED – calculations can be done to convert if the strength/dosage/per ml/L correlates.
14.	XXXX operates as a veterinary wholesale pharmacy and generally supplies products in the manufacturer’s original, approved commercial packaging. We do not routinely break or repackage original manufacturer packaging into smaller quantities, except where individual vaccine doses are supplied in accordance with the applicable product packaging, authorised distribution arrangements and regulatory requirements.	See UOM measure & Minimum order required; pack sizes to supplied what is requested – most times it coverts back to original per each pack size. Include the product with different pack sizes; IF THE MG/ML RATIO IS THE SAME AS TO STRENGTH/QUANTITY REQUESTED – calculations can be done to convert if the strength/dosage/per ml/L correlates.
15.	Where the tender requests a quantity that is not an exact multiple of the manufacturer’s commercial pack size, may the bidder supply the required quantity using the nearest appropriate number of unopened original packs, or should the bidder quote only where the exact requested quantity can be supplied without breaking the original packaging?	No, see response above. Only when the pack size in not available in any exact product; A clone, therapeutic equivalent, or direct generic product – clearly indicate & state the item quoted on.
16.	Whether alternatives may be quoted where the exact specified product is discontinued or no longer commercially available in South Africa;	Only If the base/main active ingredient contain the exact quantity and/or strength. A clone, therapeutic equivalent, or direct generic product.



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17.	Whether an alternative must be pharmaceutically/formulation equivalent, or whether a therapeutically equivalent registered product will be accepted;	Yes. If the base/main active ingredient contain the exact quantity and/or strength. A clone, therapeutic equivalent, or direct generic product. A registered compounding product will be accepted.
18.	Whether deviations must be declared in a specific section of the pricing schedule or submitted with supporting technical documentation;	The bidder must clearly identify the product offered for the relevant line item and submit the relevant supporting technical documentation demonstrating compliance with the published specification.
19.	RT10-2-087 Can you please assist. The description of this item says 5L and the Unit of measure says 500ML.	The Unit of Measure (UOM) is hereby corrected from 500 mL to 5 L. The item description correctly specifies a 5 L presentation. Bidders must therefore submit their pricing based on the 5 L unit of measure.

Kind regards

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