



Veterinary Council Update February 2015

Revised Induction statement, CPD declarations, and recall of one batch of Neo-Mercazole (Carbimazole)

1. Revised Induction Statement; Dairy Cattle – Your comments sought by 13 March 2015

VCNZ is revising the [current statement](#) to take account of the phasing out of routine inductions. From 1 June 2015 the non-therapeutic induction of dairy cattle for management purposes must not be carried out unless dispensation has been obtained from the farmer's dairy supply company and DairyNZ.

The non-therapeutic induction of calving as a management practice in all cattle raises significant animal welfare concerns.

We are therefore proposing to extend the statement to include the same requirements for beef cattle. The NZVA Society of Sheep and Beef Cattle Veterinarians have been consulted and agree. But before proceeding with this, we are seeking feedback from the profession and other interested parties.

Please send your comments to registrar@vetcouncil.org.nz by Friday 13 March.

2. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Declarations in your Annual Practising Certificate (APC) application

In the past we have asked you to declare the CPD you did in the previous calendar year. This has changed with the end of the first 3 year (+) CPD cycle. From now on you need to declare the number of CPD points collected in the previous 3 year period ending 30 June. The online APC renewal system is now live and a number of veterinarians are entering CPD points for the previous year only – which may result in popup messages and emails saying they haven't met the requirements.

If you haven't applied for your APC yet, make sure that when you do, you have your CPD records for the period 1 April 2011 – 30 June 2014 on hand.

And remember the early payment option expires on 26 February. After that the fee increases from \$485 to \$510.

3. Advice from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI): Medicine recall: Neo-Mercazole (carbimazole) 5mg Tablets: Batch Number: F2001 Expiry: 11/2015

AFT Pharmaceuticals is recalling batch F2001 of Neo-Mercazole (carbimazole) 5mg Tablets due to contamination with foreign matter. A small piece of metal has been found in one tablet and the company is recalling from human pharmacies as a precaution.

As this human medicine is often used for veterinary purposes there may be stock in clinics with this lot number.

MPI is advising all veterinarians of this recall through VCNZ as a precaution. If you have any units of Neo-Mercazole (carbimazole) 5mg Tablets batch F2001 please quarantine them and contact Lee-Anne Skipper on 0800-423-823 for advice on how to return the product.