To whom it may concern at Nominet

APPLICATION FOR CLOSURE OF A DOMAIN NAME(S) - <website name>

The Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) is the body responsible for ensuring all veterinary medicines in the United Kingdom are marketed in accordance with the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013 (VMR). The VMD’s aim is to protect public health, animal health and the environment and to promote animal welfare by ensuring safety, quality and efficacy of veterinary medicines. One of the purposes of the VMR is to prevent veterinary medicines being purchased or administered in a way that could potentially damage the health of both humans and animals.

In connection with our case relating to the supply of illegal veterinary medicines, we hereby confirm that:

The Website/Domain Name(s) are being used to undertake illegal activities. (Namely) Offences contra to either or both of the following Regulations of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013:

Section 3 & 7 Veterinary Medicines Regulations (see Annex 1)

We have written to the website and the registrar (see attached documentation) and they have failed to act.

We therefore request Nominet to investigate these domain name(s) for breach of your terms and conditions and, if a breach is found, take the relevant action.

You should provide the following contact phone number, email address and reference number to the registrant if required: 44(0)1932 33xxxx, x.xxxx@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk Ref <IMS number>.

Yours faithfully,

<Contact details>

Enforcement Team
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Reason for action:
The registrant or the person controlling these website(s)/Domain Name(s) has been identified by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) as committing offences relating to one or more of the applicable regulations i.e. Schedule 3 paragraphs 3 & 7 of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013.

Schedule 3 paragraph 3 - Retail supply of veterinary medicinal products

(1) This paragraph applies in relation to retail supply of veterinary medicinal products.

(2) A veterinary medicinal product classified as POM-V may only be supplied by a veterinary surgeon or a pharmacist and must be supplied in accordance with a prescription from a veterinary surgeon.

(3) A veterinary medicinal product classified as POM-VPS may only be supplied by—

(a) a veterinary surgeon;
(b) a pharmacist; or
(c) a suitably qualified person in accordance with paragraph 14,

and must be in accordance with a prescription from one of those persons.

(4) A veterinary medicinal product classified as NFA-VPS may be supplied without prescription, but may only be supplied by—

(a) a veterinary surgeon;
(b) a pharmacist; or
(c) a suitably qualified person in accordance with paragraph 14.

(5) There are no restrictions on the supply of AVM-GSL products.

(6) In this paragraph –

(a) “retail supply” means any supply other than to or from the holder of a wholesale dealer’s authorisation, and whether or not for payment; and
(b) a person may supply a product irrespective of who owns it.

Schedule 3, paragraph 7 - Duties when a product is prescribed or supplied

7. A person who prescribes a product classified as POM-V or POM-VPS, or supplies a product classified as NFA-VPS—

(a) before doing so, must be satisfied that the person who will use the product is competent to do so safely, and intends to use it for a purpose for which it is authorised;
(b) when doing so, must advise on its safe administration and on any warnings or contra-indications on the label or package leaflet; and
(c) must not prescribe (or, in the case of a NFA-VPS product, supply) more than the minimum amount required for the treatment; but it is a defence to a charge of failing to comply with this paragraph to show that—
(i) the product prescribed or supplied was in a container specified in the marketing authorisation;
(ii) the manufacturer does not supply that veterinary medicinal product in a smaller container; and
(iii) the person prescribing or supplying is not a person authorised to break open the package before supply.