

New and notable veterinary medicines in 2024 for New Zealand

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In 2024 there were 37 new veterinary medicines registered with the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) in New Zealand based on the data available from their website. This represents an approximately 60% increase on the 23 registrations recorded in 2023. Interestingly more than half (19) were registered in the last two months of the year which must have made a very busy couple of months for the ACVM team at MPI. Based on MPI data published on their website there is currently approximately 1550 registered veterinary medicines in New Zealand.

Twenty-one companies registered new products with Nexan Corporation (also known as Vetmed) registering the most with six, followed by Dechra Veterinary Products registering five, then Agora NZ and Animal Health Direct both with three each, and Alleva Animal Health, AgriHealth NZ and Virbac NZ with two each.

As per previous years the products registered for ruminants only dominated (62%) with only about a quarter registered for companion animals. The remaining medicines were registered for production animals and large animals, and mixed (companion and production animals).

The largest class of compounds registered were parasiticides (13 products or 35%) which mostly consisted of endo and ecto-parasitics for cattle and sheep with only one registered for companion animals. There were six products registered by Nexan Corporation with four for sheep and two for cattle and sheep. These were a mix of mineralised drenches with various combinations to treat endo and ectoparasites. Animal Health Direct registered three sheep drenches which were also a mix of double and triple combination mineralised drenches. Alleva Animal Health registered two ectoparasitic products, both for the control of blowfly strike in sheep. Seneca Holdings registered an oral dual combination mineralised drench for cattle and sheep. Masterpet registered the only antiparasitic product for companion animals with a topical for cats that combines imidacloprid and moxidectin.

There were eight anti-infective registrations most of which again were for ruminants and consisted of teat sprays (3), teat sealants (2) and several antibiotic formulations. There were two new biologicals registered, both vaccines: ScabiV Vaccine for sheep (Contagious Pustular Dermatitis virus) and BioBos RCC for cattle (Bovine Rotavirus, Bovine Coronavirus, and *E.coli* expressing F5 adhesion). There were two feed additives registered (Anpro and TOXIBIND Dry) both for binding aflatoxin in production animals' feed. The remaining 12 products registered were a mix of actives that included several endocrine hormones (3), anti-inflammatories (3) and skin/coat conditioners (2).

In 2024 there were 88 veterinary medicines deregistered by 23 applicants. This is approximately half the number deregistered in 2023 (184). Much like 2023, more than half (59%) were veterinary medicines registered for ruminants (cattle, sheep, goats, deer) with smaller numbers for other species.

Numerous applicants (i.e. companies) deregistered these veterinary medicines with Zoetis with the most (30%) then Boehringer Ingelheim (15%), Virbac (9%), Ecolab (7%) and Horizon Agresources (6%). Multiple other companies made up the remaining percentages.

Similar to last year, the mix of actives in the deregistered medicines was spread across the classes with parasiticides (34%), other (24%), and nutrient (20%) making up the majority.

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