

#### **CEPRITECT ® 250MG INTRAMAMMARY SUSPENSION FOR DRY COWS**

#### **Presentation:**

Cepritect 250mg Intramammary Suspension for Dry Cows is a homogenous white to beige coloured suspension. Each 3g intramammary syringe contains 250mg of Cefalonium (as Cefalonium Dihydrate). Cefalonium is an antibacterial drug of the first-generation cephalosporin group.

#### **Uses:**

Cepritect is licensed for the treatment of subclinical mastitis at drying-off and the prevention of new bacterial infections of the udder during the non-lactating period of cows caused by *Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus agalactiae, Streptococcus uberis, Trueperella pyogenes, Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella spp.* susceptible to cefalonium.

The long-term persistence of cefalonium in the dry udder was examined and effective levels remained up to 10 weeks after infusion.

## **Dosage and Administration:**

The contents of one syringe should be infused into the teat canal of each quarter immediately after the last milking of the lactation. Avoid contamination of the nozzle after removing the cap. Before infusion, thoroughly clean and disinfect the end of the teat with the cleaning towel provided.

Option 1: For short nozzle intramammary administration hold the barrel of the syringe and the base of the cap in one hand and twist off the small upper part of the cap above the indent mark (the base portion of the cap remains on the syringe). Take care not to contaminate the short, exposed part of the nozzle.

Option 2: For full nozzle intramammary administration remove the cap fully by holding the barrel of the syringe firmly in one hand and with the thumb push up and along the length of the cap until the cap clicks off. Take care not to contaminate the nozzle.

Insert the nozzle into the teat canal and apply steady pressure on the syringe plunger until the full dose has been delivered. Holding the end of the teat with one hand, gently massage upwards with the other to aid dispersion of the antibiotic into the quarter.

After infusion it is advisable to dip the teats in an antiseptic preparation specifically designed for this purpose.

## **Contraindications and Warnings:**

Intended for use during the last trimester of pregnancy once the lactating cow has

been dried off. There is no adverse treatment effect on the foetus. Not to be used in cows that are lactating. Withdrawal period for meat and offal: 21 days

Withdrawal period for milk: 96 hours after calving if the dry period is longer than 54 days; 58 days following treatment if the dry period is less than or equal to 54 days.

Do not use in animals with known hypersensitivity to cephalosporins, other  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics or to any of the excipients.

Use of the product should be based on susceptibility testing of the bacteria isolated from the animal. If this is not possible, therapy should be based on local (regional, farm level) epidemiological information about susceptibility of the target bacteria.





#### **Operator Warnings:**

Wash hands after use.

Penicillin and cephalosporins may cause sensitisation (allergy) following injection, inhalation, ingestion or skin contact. Sensitivity to penicillin may lead to cross-sensitivity to cephalosporin and vice versa. Allergic reactions to these substances may occasionally be serious.

Do not handle this product if you know you are sensitised, or if you have been advised not to work with such preparations.

Handle this product with great care to avoid exposure, taking all recommended precautions.

If you develop symptoms following exposure such as a skin rash you should seek medical advice and show the doctor this warning. Swellings of the face, lips or eyes or difficulty breathing are more serious symptoms and require urgent medical attention.

The cleaning towels provided with the intramammary product contain isopropyl alcohol. Wear protective gloves if skin irritation due to isopropyl alcohol is known or suspected. Avoid contact with eyes because isopropyl alcohol can cause eye irritation.

### Pharmaceutical precautions:

Do not store above 25°C.

Shelf-life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 2 years.

## **Legal Category:**

UK: POM-V ROI: POM

# Package quantity:

Single dose 3g white LDPE syringes with a white LDPE dual push-fit cap.

Buckets of 120 syringes including 120 individually-wrapped teat cleaning towels containing isopropyl alcohol.

## Disposal:

Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from such veterinary medicinal product should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

#### **Marketing Authorisation Numbers:**

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