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CLARIFICATION no. 1

QUESTION Nº 1: *What is the requirement for possessing the AIM for the veterinary medicines, considering that these products will be acquired exclusively for the Directorate-General of Agriculture, Forestry and Livestock – Ministry of Agriculture and Environment? Additionally, at what stage may this document be requested?*

ANSWER Nº. 1: Under Articles 26 and 27 of Law No. 30/VIII/2013, the general rule establishes that no veterinary medicine may be placed on the market or supplied to the public without a Marketing Authorization Application (MAA), and such products must be accompanied by a certificate of origin.

In the process of importing veterinary medicines, importers must hold a valid and up-to-date MAA issued by the exporting country, since Cabo Verde has not yet regulated Articles 26 and 27 of the Animal Health Law No. 30/2013, which provide for the authorization/importation and placing on the market of veterinary medicinal products. This requirement applies uniformly, regardless of whether the medicines are intended for public entities, including the Directorate-General for Agriculture, Forestry and Livestock.

In light of this regulatory gap, and in order to ensure continuity of supply and sanitary control, an administrative solution has been adopted: the acceptance of Marketing Authorizations issued by competent authorities such as those of the European Union. This practice has been considered adequate and proportionate, as the EU has robust systems for evaluating quality, safety, and efficacy, thereby ensuring a level of protection equivalent to that intended in Cabo Verde.

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Thus, although national law requires an MAA, in the absence of domestic regulations and until internal procedures for issuing such authorizations are established, the administration has consistently accepted EU-issued Marketing Authorizations as valid documents for the importation and use of veterinary medicines in the country.

QUESTION Nº 2: *Is it acceptable to propose alternatives for medicines whose pharmaceutical form is not available? For example, may an oral suspension formulation be submitted as an alternative to an injectable formulation?*

ANSWER Nº. 2: Refer to the point 7 Alternative Bids shall not be considered.

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