



Use of Local Anaesthetics.

Disbudding of Calves.

Two products have been exceptionally authorised under Regulation 16 of the European Communities (Animal Remedies) (No 2) Regulations 2007 (SI 786/2007) for this purpose:

- Willcain
- Adrenacaine.

Since the above two products have been licensed specifically for disbudding of calves, there is no basis for veterinary practitioners resorting to the 'Cascade' in order to use other products for this purpose.

Other situations.

Lignocaine has a marketing authorisation from the Irish Medicines Board for use as a local anaesthetic in horses. Consequently, in the case of other species/indications for which there is no product authorised for the Irish market, veterinary practitioners may, on their own responsibility, use Lignocaine in accordance with the 'Cascade' provisions (Regulation 18) of SI 786/2007 – however, since the two products named above have been authorised for disbudding of calves, obviously there is no question of using Lignocaine under the Cascade for this particular purpose.

The following should, however, be noted as regards Lignocaine:

- It is designated as 'VPO' and therefore may only be administered by a veterinary practitioner or in his/her presence and under his/her direct supervision (Regulation 39(2)(b) of SI 786/2007),

Queries.

Any follow up queries on this matter, including details of the licensed wholesalers from whom these products may currently be purchased, should be addressed to Ms Breda Meehan ('phone: (01)5053319, email: breda.meehan@agriculture.gov.ie) or Denis Healy ('phone (01) 5053324, email: denis.healy@agriculture.gov.ie).