



Animal health industry - Lesson learnt on APIs shortages management during COVID-19

- Tensions for VMPs mainly as a consequence of shortages at human sector
 - deviations from veterinary to human pharma chain
 - appropriation of vaccine manufacturing capacity
- This being said, the animal health industry did not suffer much from the crisis . The COVID-19 outbreak has demonstrated sector resilience, animal health industry coped with stress and demands.
- Uncertainty in case of new outbreaks, what the issues related to access to APIs might be. Better coordination and faster reaction will be needed to ensure
 - Treatment for animals and so public health
 - Food security



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- Recognition of being “essential” → VMPs benefited from the Green Lanes
- Regulatory flexibility for VMPs → appropriate measures for continued activity
 - Appreciate the rapid action of the network*
 - Lesson? Could have been considered at same time as the human medicines’ Q&A?*
- Q&A on Covid-19 and Animals → domestic livestock production is safe and has not played a role in the spread of Covid-19
 - Appreciate the action of the network*
 - Lesson? Could have been drafted earlier to avoid fake news.*

There is confidence that, should Covid-19 (or similar situation) rebound, the Commission and MS will be ready to tackle faster and in a coordinated manner.