

# **Veterinary medicinal products: Community code**

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Franoise GROSSETETE (EPP-ED, F). Please refer to the summary dated 02/10/2002 for an outline of the amendments subsequently adopted. It should be noted that the Parliament suggest that the Commission should investigate whether it is possible to develop a standardised environmental classification system for veterinary medicinal products and, if it finds a suitable model, it should submit a proposal to that effect to the European Parliament before the end of 2003. In addition, Parliament states that a generic medicinal product authorised pursuant to this provision cannot be manufactured or placed on the market until ten years have elapsed from the first authorisation of the reference medicinal product. The ten-year period is extended to 15 years in the case of veterinary medicinal products for smaller species and laying hens, provided that the applicant places the veterinary medicinal product on the market in the course of the first two years following authorisation.