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Merial Statement on availability of IMMITICIDE® (melarsomine dihydrochloride)

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Recently, Merial informed veterinarians that our heartworm treatment product, IMMITICIDE® (melarsomine dihydrochloride), was in limited supply because the active ingredient was no longer available from its manufacturer—the only US source of the compound.

Merial has now identified an alternative supplier for melarsomine—one that already produces it for the European and international markets. However, gaining US regulatory approval for the new manufacturer will take time. In the meanwhile, Merial has instituted a temporary measure to extend the supply of IMMITICIDE and continue to make it available to veterinarians.

Through a restricted distribution program initiated in agreement with the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), veterinarians who have an immediate need to treat a dog with heartworm disease will be able to purchase IMMITICIDE containing melarsomine manufactured by the alternate supplier. This product must be purchased directly through Merial. It will not be available through Merial's distributors, nor will it be available for purchase to stock clinic inventories. Veterinarians who wish to purchase IMMITICIDE should call Merial Technical Solutions at 1-888-MERIAL1 (1-888-637-4251), Option 1.

Merial is continuing to work closely with FDA-CVM and the new melarsomine supplier to gain FDA approval for this alternate facility and return to full supply of IMMITICIDE as soon as possible.

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