

Importation of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Vaccines into Wyoming

There are no licensed vaccines for Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus 2 (RHDV2) in the United States. In the face of this outbreak of RHDV2 in the southwestern US, the Centers for Veterinary Biologics is approving applications from veterinarians for the import of certain RHDV2 vaccines in states with confirmed cases of the disease. There are only 2 vaccines eligible for import, **FILAVAC VHD K C+V**, which is made by Filavie in France (www.filavie.fr) and **ERAVAC**, which is made by HIPRA in Spain (www.hipra.com).

To order RHDV2 vaccine for your clients:

1. Contact the Wyoming Livestock Board, Dr. Hallie Hasel, DVM, Assistant State Veterinarian – Field Operations, at (307) 857-4140 to request an import permit. Only accredited veterinarians may import the vaccine at the discretion of the State Veterinarian and USDA Veterinarian in Charge.
2. Fill out APHIS Form 2005: APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES VETERINARY BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT PERMIT (https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/aphis_forms/aphis2005.pdf).
3. Contact the manufacturer to discuss the price and logistics. They may require an international wire transfer. Make sure that they ship the product in temperature-controlled packaging. The contact for Filavac is Karina Sorin, Export Sales Assistant (karina.sorin@filavie.com). The contact for Eravac is Michelle Woodward, Corporate Group Product Manager Pharma, Rabbits & Aqua B.U. michelle.woodward@hipra.com.
4. Some veterinarians have had more success importing the vaccine by hiring a customs broker with experience handling medical products.

The Wyoming Livestock Board requires the following when administering RHDV2 vaccine to your patients:

- The Wyoming State Veterinarian must be notified immediately upon receipt of any vaccines from the manufacturers or distributors (e-mail Wyoming Assistant State Veterinarian: hallie.hasel@wyo.gov). You must include the APHIS Import Permit number, veterinarian's name, number of doses received, vaccine name, and vaccine identifying information (lot number, serial number, and expiration date).
- Veterinarians are encouraged to provide a liability waiver to be signed by the owner, and information on emergency care options in the event of delayed anaphylaxis.
- The owner must be provided with the USDA Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease factsheet.
- The rabbit must not have any obvious signs of illness and be afebrile.
- A report of all rabbits vaccinated must be provided monthly to the Wyoming Livestock Board, via e-mail (hallie.hasel@wyo.gov) or mail to Wyoming Livestock Board, WLSB Field Office, 610 Fairground Road, Riverton, WY, 82501. The following information must be included on the report:
 - o Date of vaccination
 - o Owner address and phone number
 - o Animal ID (the rabbit must have permanent identification such as a microchip or tattoo)
 - o Signalment (age, sex, spayed/neutered)
 - o Vaccine lot, serial number, and expiration date
 - o Veterinarian name, accreditation, and license number
 - o APHIS Vaccine Import Number

- Records of RHDV2 vaccination must be kept for 2 years.
- If you transfer your RHDV2 vaccine to another veterinarian, you must notify the Wyoming Livestock Board, either via email (hallie.hasel@wyo.gov) or via telephone, WLSB Riverton Field Office, 307.857.4140 immediately.