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DATE: February 20, 2014

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

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SUBJECT: Med-Vet International - Recall [Animal Health]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Insulin syringes; 140 boxes of 1/2cc U-40 syringes

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; The recall is in response to mismarked syringe barrels. They have been found to be labeled with 40 units per 1/2cc syringe and they should be marked with only 20 units per 1/2cc, which potentially could result in lower than prescribed doses of insulin.

The syringes were manufactured May, 2012 and distributed from Jan 2013 to Feb 2014. The following 1/2cc U-40 insulin syringes have been recalled:

140 boxes of 1/2cc insulin syringe U-40 with 29g x 1/2" needle. Lot Number: 20120610
The product can be identified by Item number: MV1/2CCINS-40 or 1/2CCINS-40 by Oasis.

Med-Vet International distributed the 1/2cc U-40 insulin syringes nationally to veterinarians and customers.

SUGGESTED ACTION: For consumer inquiry only. Consumers with questions may contact the company via telephone at 1-800-544-7521 between the hours of 9am and 5pm central time. Consumer may also contact the company via e-mail at customerservice@shopmedvet.com.

Recall -- Firm Press Release



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FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Med-Vet International Issues Nationwide Recall of Veterinary 1/2cc U-40 Insulin Syringes Due to Mismarked Syringe Barrels

Contact

Consumer:
800-544-7521

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - February 20, 2014 - On Feb. 14, 2014, Med-Vet International initiated a nationwide recall of 140 boxes of 1/2cc U-40 insulin syringes. The syringes have been found to be labeled with 40 units per 1/2cc syringe and they should be marked with only 20 units per 1/2cc, which potentially could result in lower than prescribed doses of insulin. Animals receiving subtherapeutic doses of insulin may exhibit signs and symptoms consistent with hyperglycemia including, but not limited to dehydration, increase in thirst, increase in urination, malaise or lethargy, and urinary tract infection in addition to increasing the risk of developing diabetic ketoacidosis. The long term failure to adequately control blood glucose levels can result in vision problems, neuropathy, and damage to the pancreas.

Consumers who have these insulin syringes should quarantine all products subject to recall. In addition, if you may have further distributed this product, please identify the customers at once and notify them at once of this product recall and to quarantine the product.

Recalled 1/2cc U-40 insulin syringes were manufactured May, 2012 and distributed from Jan 2013 to Feb 2014 to consumers, animal hospitals, animal shelters, farmers, and veterinarians.

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Med-Vet International voluntarily recalled the syringes after becoming aware of the mislabeling. Med-Vet International has notified the FDA of this recall action.

No injuries have been reported to date.

Med-Vet International is notifying its distributors and customers by email and recall letter and is arranging for return of all recalled 1/2cc U-40 insulin syringes.

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