

PRESS RELEASE

Apivar[®], the worldwide leader in Varroa treatment, is now registered in United-Kingdom

Beekeepers in United-Kingdom now have a new highly efficient solution, safe for honey and bees. Apivar, developed by the French pharmaceutical company Véto-pharma, has been registered in September and will be available in January.

Apivar is an amitraz-based product and the worldwide Varroa treatment leader with more than 5 million of hive treated each year. Apivar has earned an excellent reputation as a safe and effective means of controlling Varroa mite infestations in honeybee colonies in more than 30 countries around the world. Now British beekeepers can take advantage of the same benefits that much of the rest of the world has enjoyed for some time: Apivar kills up to 99 percent¹ of Varroa mites in one application. It has been proven safe and effective for more than 20 years; it's safe for honey and hive products; and, it is convenient and easy to use: one single application ensures 6 to 10 weeks protection. In addition, there is no temperature constraint when using Apivar: It can be used in any season when the supers are not placed on the hives.

The secret of Apivar's success is its high quality standard and its unique and safe formulation. Apivar is produced in France and its manufacturing process and ingredients meet or exceed stringent pharmaceutical quality standards, in compliance with the European pharmaceutical Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP). The Apivar formulation includes very pure amitraz and a polymer strip only, with no addition of unknown excipients that could harm bees or keep residues in honey.

Apivar's first registration was in 1995, but most recent data continues to prove that the Apivar recipe seems to be the most effective treatment currently available, even compared to other amitraz strips². Annual French efficacy monitoring shows an average of 97.7% efficacy in last 10 years³ and significant improvement on overwintering survival rates for the colonies treated with Apivar than those treated with other organic or conventional treatments⁴.

Véto-pharma, the Apivar developer, is a French pharmaceutical company 100% dedicated to honey bee health. Véto-pharma develops and distributes a range of innovative products to sustain beekeepers around the world. Other products distributed by Véto-pharma are Varroa EasyCheck, a monitoring tool to ensure Varroa monitoring, VespaCatch a trap and attractant against Asian hornet, and Nutribee Propolis, a high-quality feed for bees. A new organic Varroa treatment, is currently under registration in Europe and will also be available soon to beekeepers in **United-Kingdom**.

Véto-pharma products will be distributed in **United-Kingdom** by **THORNE**.

To learn more about Apivar: <http://www.veto-pharma.eu>

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Legal notices:

APIVAR® 500 mg Amitraz Bee-hive strips for honey bees. Indication(s) for use: Treatment of varroosis due to Varroa destructor sensitive to amitraz in honey bees. **Contraindication(s):** Do not use in case of known resistance to amitraz. **Withdrawal period(s): Honey:** zero days. Do not use during honey flow. Do not extract honey from the brood chamber. Do not harvest honey when the treatment is in place. Brood combs should be replaced with new foundation at last every three years. Do not recycle brood frames as honey frames. **Read carefully the instructions on the product booklet label before use. Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animal:** This veterinary medicinal product contains amitraz which can lead to neurological side-effects in humans. Take particular care in case of concomitant treatment with monoamine oxidase inhibitors, hypotensive treatment or if you have diabetes. Amitraz may cause skin sensitization. Avoid contact with skin. In case of contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water. Avoid contact with eyes. In case of contact, rinse with plenty of water immediately. Usual beekeeping protective clothes including impervious gloves should be worn when handling the product. Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst handling the product. Keep children away during application of the product. Wash hands after use. Do not inhale or ingest. If side effects are noted, seek immediate medical assistance and show the label to the physician. v0917

Apivar is a veterinary medicinal product. Please ask advice to your veterinarian, pharmacist or sanitary organization. In case of persistence of clinical signs, consult with your veterinarian.