



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER NICOLE “NIKKI” FRIED

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus-2 (RHDV-2) Vaccine Order Instructions for Florida Veterinarians

Primary Point of Contact: Rabbits@FDACS.gov
Secondary Point of Contact: 850-410-0900

Recommended process:

1. Investigate vaccine demand by your clients (consider networking with other local vet colleagues to include their “demand” in your procurement).
2. Inquire to either (or both) of the two European vaccine manufacturers (Filavie and/or Hipra) listed below as to their ability to supply vaccine to your location, pending USDA, APHIS, Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) import permit approval and a permission letter from the Florida State Veterinarian. Be sure to ask the manufacturer for a quote and estimated delivery time frame.
3. If the quote is acceptable, contact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Rabbits’ email (Rabbits@FDACS.gov) to request permission from the State Veterinarian of Florida. Your request must include vaccine name, manufacturer name, number of doses, ordering veterinarian name and current license number.
4. Receive FDACS permission letter and include that in application to USDA-CVB for import permit (see below).
5. Provide import permit and payment to manufacturer; consider if an import broker needs to be contacted for assistance.

There are two vaccines licensed in the European Union (EU), neither of them is licensed in the United States. Both are for RHDV-2. The USDA-CVB has a limited amount of information on both vaccines, and no supporting data to provide recommended usage. CVB looked at the risk of importing the vaccines for limited use more from a foreign animal disease risk than from an efficacy evaluation. CVB does not have any role in the actual cost, ordering, availability or shipment of the materials. The importer will need to work with the vaccine company directly (points of contact provided below). If people conduct Internet searches, they may find another product from the EU (Nobivac Myxo-RHD, Intervet International BV), that is a live recombinant vaccine (myxoma vectored RHDV1 strain) and CVB is not allowing this vaccine into the United States.

Product: Filavac VHD K C+V FILAVAC VHD K C+V suspension for injection for rabbits (1-dose) and FILAVAC VHD K C+V concentrate and solvent for suspension for injection for rabbits (50-dose and 200-dose presentations) (RHDV1 and RHDV2 vaccine).

Producer: Filavie (Roussay, France). Contact: Karina Sorin, karina.sorin@filavie.com.

Product: ERAVAC, emulsion for injection for rabbits (inactivated RHDV2 vaccine; 1-dose, 10-dose, and 40-dose bottles).

Producer: Hipra (Laboratorios Hipra, Girona, Spain). Contact: michelle.woodward@hipra.com or conrad.sala@hipra.com.

Imported and unlicensed product normally cannot be further distributed or sold, so typically each user (licensed veterinarian) would need to import the product on their own with a valid permit. Because of the unique situation with the RHD expansion risks and challenges of the importing process, the RHD vaccines can be permitted for documented redistribution to other licensed veterinarians. The federal import application can be accessed here:

<https://ncahappspub.aphis.usda.gov/NCAHPortal/public/>. This portal requires the requester has a current eAuthentication. If you do not have eAuthentication, you will need to follow link to “SignUp” where you can create a new account.

Once you access, click on CVB and then APHIS 2005 submission form. Step-by-step instructions for access and filling out the form can be found:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_biologics/publications/27-aphis2005-researchandevaluation.pdf.