BVA RESPONSE TO CITY & GUILDS CONSULTATION ON LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE OF
TECHNICAL COMPETENCE IN THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF VETERINARY
MEDICINES

1) The British Veterinary Association (BVA) is the national representative body for the
veterinary profession in the United Kingdom and has over 15,000 members. Our
primary aim is to represent, support and champion the interests of the veterinary
profession in this country, and we therefore take a keen interest in all issues
affecting the profession, including animal health and welfare, public health,
regulatory issues and employment matters.

2) We were pleased to have been given the opportunity to contribute to the City &
Guilds revision of the Level 2 certificate of technical competence in the safe and
responsible use of veterinary medicines, and have consulted with our Medicines
Group which includes representation from the key species groups. We are
generally supportive of the proposed unit content which appears to be extremely
thorough.

3) We would like to make a number of minor suggestions for consideration as follows:

- With regard to cleaning equipment, learners should be aware of the effects
  of disinfectants on live vaccines
- Learners should be aware of the need to report a suspected adverse
  reaction to a medicinal product, and how
- Learners should understand in-feed mixing as a means of administering a
  medicinal product
- The unit content should consistently refer to ‘medicines’ not ‘drugs’

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