

FAQs

LET'S TALK, BIONIC® PLUS



Why was the sale of BIONIC Plus stopped?

In late 2022, Argenta and Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health (BIAH), initiated a voluntarily cessation of sale for BIONIC Plus while an investigation with BIONIC Plus Hogget was undertaken. BIONIC Plus was not subject to a formal recall from the market.

What about other manufacturers' capsules?

In May 2023, a formal reassessment of all ruminal bolus products was initiated by the ACVM and NZFS. Concurrently a stop sale was initiated for all ruminal bolus products including BIONIC Plus.

Were any problems identified with the BIONIC Plus product?

Detailed analysis by Argenta and BIAH demonstrated that the BIONIC capsule technology was performing as designed. During the product review, it was noticed that in rare circumstances relating to the specification of one of the active ingredients, there was potential for delayed tablet absorption in the ewe. As a result, BIAH have tightened product specifications ensuring that the product performs as per the label.

What has been done to ensure BIONIC Plus capsules are fit for purpose?

In response to the formal reassessment process, a comprehensive data package relating to BIONIC Plus was submitted to ACVM. This resulted in approval from ACVM to re-commence sale and distribution of BIONIC Plus.

Where can I find details of the product?

The updated label for BIONIC Plus is now available in the ACVM product register or can be sent to you by your Key Account Manager.

Boehringer Regional Key Account Managers and Technical Managers are available to support and answer any questions relating to the use of BIONIC Plus on NZ sheep farms.

When will BIONIC Plus return to sale?

BIONIC Plus will return to the market in 2025 and will be available through veterinary businesses.

What about BIONIC Plus Hogget?

BIONIC Plus Hogget was removed from the market in August 2022 and will not return to the market.

What if I have further questions about BIONIC Plus?

For Technical enquiries phone 0800-800-822, and for all other enquiries phone 09-263-1400

*ACVM: Agricultural Compounds & Veterinary Medicines, NZFS: New Zealand Food Safety.

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