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## **MERCK VACCINE AGENT SUMMARY SHEET (VASS)**

**EquiNile™, Prestige® WNV**

### **Health and Safety Summary Information**

#### **SECTION I – IDENTIFICATION**

**Organisms:** Contains inactivated West Nile virus-flavirus chimera.

**Characteristics:** A combination of inactivated, concentrated, adjuvanted, tissue culture origin West Nile virus- flavivirus chimera.

**Company Information:**

Merck Animal Health  
2 Giralda Farms, Madison, NJ 07940-1026  
Customer Service: 800-521-5767  
Order Desk: 800-648-2118  
Technical Service (Companion Animal): 800-224-5318  
Technical Service (Livestock: cows, pigs, poultry, aquaculture): 800-211-3573  
Fax: 908-473-5560  
**Emergency Telephone Number:** 1-908-423-6000 (24/7/365)

#### **SECTION II - HAZARD IDENTIFICATION**

**Vaccine protects against:** West Nile disease.

#### **SECTION III - HEALTH HAZARDS**

**Special circumstances for workers:**

**Final vaccine product:** There is no active toxin or live virus present. The vaccine is not infectious to humans or animals. Accidental injection via puncture or cuts can cause serious local reactions.

**Live cultures:** Workers handling live cultures shall utilize BSL-2 and BSL-2 Large Scale precautions.

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**Inactivated cultures:** Once the whole fermentation broth is formalin treated, there is no infectious or toxin risk. The inactivated toxins (toxoid) function as an antigen. Appropriate chemical safety precautions shall be taken while handling concentrated formalin and thimerosal.

#### **SECTION IV - MEDICAL**

**Medical Surveillance:** Not required.

#### **SECTION V - RECOMMENDED PRECAUTIONS**

**Biological Containment:** During manufacturing, BSL-2 and BSL-2 Large Scale precautions are taken to prevent employee and/or environmental contamination.

Once inactivated as part of the manufacturing process, there are no live organisms present. At this point, biosafety precautions are no longer needed.

#### **SECTION VI - HANDLING INFORMATION**

##### **Spills:**

**Live cultures, including concentrated active toxin:** Follow instructions found in your site biosafety risk assessment.

**Inactivated cultures and toxins:** The final formulated vaccine does not contain live organisms; therefore special biosafety spill procedures are not required. Spill cleanup is to be handled as per departmental SOP. If no SOP available, contain material using a spill pillow or absorbent material and dispose of according to departmental procedures. Soap and water can be used to clean up the area. Minimal personal protective equipment includes safety glasses, lab coat/work uniform, gloves and slip resistant shoe covers.

#### **References**

1. EquiNile™ website, <https://www.merck-animal-health-usa.com/product/equine/EquiNile-with-Havlogen/1>. Accessed 01/31/2018.

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