

# BIMEDA COSECURE, COSECURE AND ZINCOISEL SHEEP BOLUS APPLICATOR INSTRUCTIONS



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## DO'S ✓

- Do** only use a Bimeda oesophageal applicator.
- Do** remove the boluses from the box and foil packaging the night before use, and store at room temperature.
- Do** warm each bolus to body temperature, prior to inserting into sheep by placing a few boluses inside of clothing pockets.
- Do** adhere to the administration rate of one bolus per sheep weighing 30kg+. Not suitable for sheep under 30kg. Refer to product packaging and data sheet for complete administration information.
- Do** ensure that boluses are administered carefully and gently to avoid causing any damage to the throat.
- Do** wear gloves when handling the boluses, to reduce the risk of contact allergy.
- Do** mark the sheep with a coloured spray or chalk on their back or head to indicate that they have been bolused (in case groups are mixed).
- Do** store in a dry place. Once the package has been opened, if not used the next day, store unused boluses in the plastic tray in the original packaging, in an airtight container.
- Do** protect boluses from frost.
- Do** only use Cosecure or Coselcure boluses in cases where there is a **proven copper deficiency** in the flock. Only use when the copper level of the diet is known. If in doubt, please consult your veterinarian.

## REGURGITATION

Sheep belong to the ruminant classification of animals. Ruminants are characterised by their four-chambered stomach and “cud-chewing” behaviour. The cud is a lump of food that is regurgitated, re-chewed, and re-swallowed. Due to this normal behaviour it is possible for a small number of boluses to be regurgitated from sheep and found at a later date in the field.

To limit the regurgitation of boluses:

- ensure that the boluses are warmed prior to insertion,
- ensure to keep the head and neck straight during bolus administration,
- ensure that the sheep has swallowed the bolus,
- administer the boluses into sheep with an empty stomach,
- Calmly hold the sheep in the pens for 1-2 hours after insertion, with access to water.

## DO NOT ✗

- Do not put boluses in water before use**
- Do not** insert cracked, damaged or broken boluses into sheep.
- Do not** freeze.
- Do not** proceed if any resistance is felt when administered or damage to the throat may occur. Consult your veterinarian if you require support with administration.
- Do not** administer any aids to alter dissolution of the bolus.
- Warning: Copper Toxicity In Sheep & Lambs**  
There is increased risk of copper toxicity associated with housed sheep and certain sheep breeds.
- Do not** use Cosecure or Coselcure boluses in sheep/lambs housed or to be housed when the product is still active.
- Do not** use Cosecure or Coselcure boluses in continental breeds and Blue Faced Leicesters which are more prone to copper toxicity.



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# HOW TO ADMINISTER COSECURE, COSEICURE & ZINCOISEL SHEEP BOLUSES

## STEP 1 - WARM THE BOLUS

- Remove boluses from foil pack and ensure they are at body temperature before administering.
- We recommend removing the boluses from all packaging (including the foil and plastic) the night before. Prior to administration place the boluses inside your pockets close to your body. Never place boluses in warm or hot water.
- The boluses use unique soluble glass technology which means that they are sensitive to sudden changes in temperature such as may happen when very cold boluses are swallowed by the animal.
- Failure to ensure the boluses are warmed prior to administration may result in the development of fine cracks which can alter the activity of the bolus and increase any risk of regurgitation.

## STEP 2- INSERT THE BOLUS INTO THE APPLICATOR

- Insert the bolus completely into the head of the applicator until the push rod is engaged.
- Only use a Bimeda oesophageal applicator.
- To prevent the bolus falling out of the applicator, ensure the flat edge of the bolus is placed against the ridged edge in the applicator.

## STEP 3 - INSERT BOLUS WITH CARE

- Bolusing, like the use of any oral applicator, can damage the throat if rushed or carried out without care.
- Stand to the side of the animal and catch the animal by the jaw.
- Place the bolus end of the applicator into the centre of the sheep's mouth to the back of the tongue gently and squeeze the trigger.
- The bolus should release easily. If resistance is felt the position of the applicator should be adjusted until the bolus releases easily.
- Ensure that the animal swallows the bolus. The swallow reflex should happen easily. Proper application appears like the sheep is having a double swallow.
- If the swallow reflex does not occur easily, the administration may not be over the back of the tongue and the technique will need to be adjusted carefully.
- The distance as to how far the applicator goes back into the animal's mouth, is the same length as the length of the nose to the eye of the animal. Use this as a guide only.

