PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE IMMEDIATE PACKAGE { STRIPS PACK}

1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Apivar 500 mg Bee-hive strips for honey bees.

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES

Each 15g strip contains:
Amitraz …… 500 mg

3. TARGET SPECIES

honey bees– *Apis mellifera.*

4. ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION

Read the package leaflet before use.

5. WITHDRAWAL PERIODS

Honey: zero days.
Do not use during honey flow.
Do not extract honey from the brood chamber.
Do not harvest honey when the treatment is in place.
Amitraz can accumulate in wax; Brood combs should be replaced with new foundation at least every three years. Do not recycle brood frames as honey frames.

6. EXPIRY DATE

Exp. {mm/yyyy}

Use immediately after first opening.

7. SPECIAL STORAGE PRECAUTIONS

Do not store above 30°C
Store in the original strips package.
Keep the strips package tightly closed. Protect from light.

8. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

VETO PHARMA SAS

9. BATCH NUMBER

Lot {number}

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE PACKAGE LEAFLET:

PACKAGE LEAFLET

1. Name of the veterinary medicinal product

Apivar 500 mg Bee-hive strips for honey bees.

2. Composition

Each 15g strip contains:
Active substance
Amitraz …… 500 mg
Rectangular translucent homogeneous rigid strip with a V-shape cutting at one end and a hole above.
“Apivar” inscription on the edge of each strip

3. Target species

Honey bees– *Apis mellifera*.

4. Indications for use

Treatment of varroosis due to *Varroa destructor*.

5. Contraindications

None.

6. Special warnings

Special warnings:

It is recommended not to use the product during the honey flow but after the honey harvest. See section “Amount to be administered and administration route”.
Do not cut the strips.
All colonies in the same apiary should be treated simultaneously to avoid reinfestation.
Do not re-use the strips.
The safety and efficacy of the product has only been investigated in hives with a single brood chamber (dose of 2 strips per hive/brood chamber). Use in hives with more than one brood chamber is not recommended.

Special precautions for safe use in the target species:
Do not exceed or reduce the recommended dose and recommended duration of use.
Remove the strips at the end of treatment.

Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:
This product contains amitraz which can lead to neurological side-effects in humans.
Amitraz is a monoamine oxidase inhibitor; therefore, take particular care if you are taking monoamine oxidase inhibitors, hypotensive treatment or if you have diabetes.

Amitraz may cause skin sensitization (allergic reactions, particularly skin rashes).
Avoid contact with skin. In case of contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water.
Avoid contact with eyes. In case of contact, rinse with plenty of water immediately.
Personal protective equipment consisting of impervious gloves and the usual beekeeping protective clothing should be worn when handling the veterinary medicinal product.
If irritation occurs, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet of the label to the physician.
Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst handling veterinary medicinal the product.
Keep children away during application of the veterinary medicinal product. Wash hands after use. Do not inhale or ingest.

Special precautions for the protection of the environment:
Do not throw strips or empty sachets in ponds or streams, as the veterinary medicinal product could be dangerous for fish and aquatic organisms.

Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction:
The toxicity of amitraz is increased in the presence of copper salts and the therapeutic activity is reduced in the presence of piperonyl butoxide. The concomitant use of these substances with amitraz should be avoided.
Do not use any other parasiticide product at the same time.

Overdose:
At five times the recommended dosage applied for 6 weeks, the colonies clustered on very hot days. No other sign was observed. At 1.5 times the recommended dosage applied for 10 weeks, no apparent side effects were observed in bees.

Special restrictions for use and special conditions for use:
Inappropriate use of the veterinary medicinal product could result in an increased risk of resistance development and could ultimately result in ineffective therapy.
Bee colonies should be monitored routinely for the level of varroa mite infestation, specifically before the treatment and for a period thereafter.
The veterinary medicinal product should be used as part of an integrated varroa control program and treatment rotation should be applied.
Amitraz resistance has been reported in some populations of Varroa mites.
In case of use in regions with suspected amitraz resistance, it is recommended that the use of the veterinary medicinal product should be based on results of susceptibility testing (e.g. Beltsville test), and it is recommended to seek advice from your veterinarian or local bee inspector.

Major incompatibilities:

None known.

7. Adverse events

Honey bees.

Very rare (<1 animal / 10,000 animals treated, including isolated reports):	Behavioural disorder[1]

[1]A transient change in behaviour (e.g. fleeing reaction, aggressive behaviour) may be observed when the strips are first placed in the hive. This is believed to be a defensive behaviour rather than an adverse reaction to the veterinary medicinal product, per se.

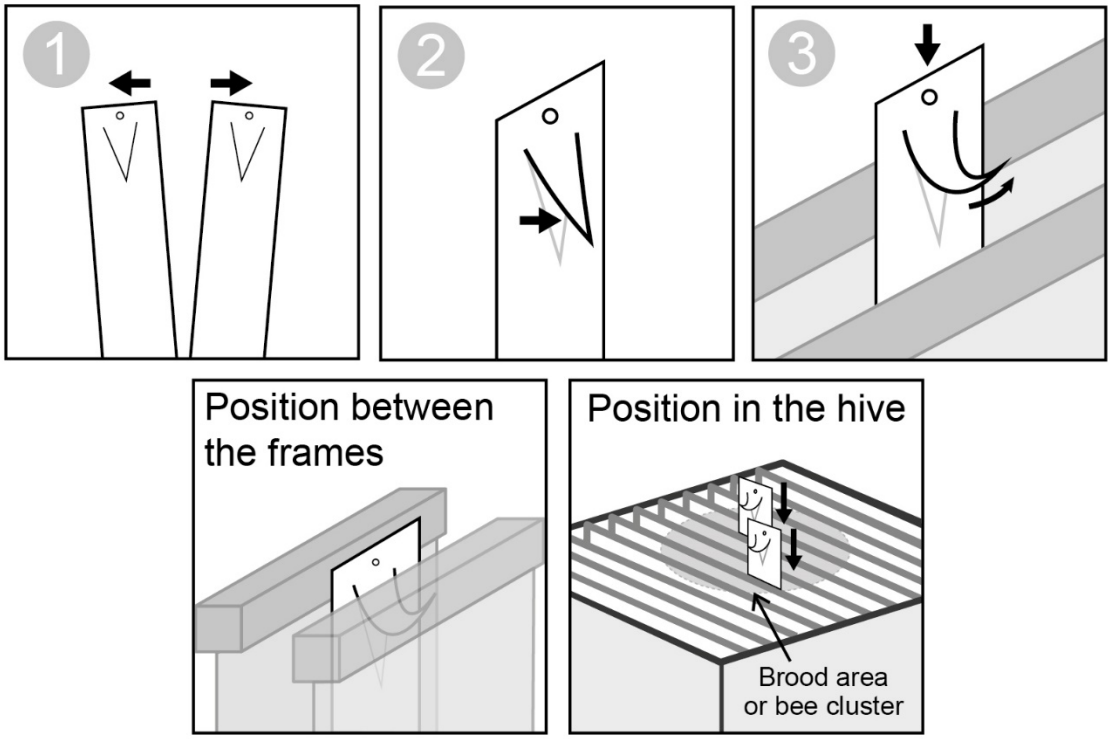
Reporting adverse events is important. It allows continuous safety monitoring of a product. If you notice any side effects, even those not already listed in this package leaflet, or you think that the medicine has not worked, please contact, in the first instance, your veterinarian. You can also report any adverse events to the marketing authorisation holder or the local representative of the marketing authorisation holder using the contact details at the end of this leaflet, or via your national reporting system at:

Website: https://www.gov.uk/report-veterinary-medicine-problem/animal-reacts-medicine

e-mail: adverse.events@vmd.gov.uk

8. Dosage for each species, routes and method of administration

In-hive treatment:
Use two strips per hive (i.e. 1g of amitraz per hive).
1. Separate the double strip.
2. Push the strip's V-shaped die-cut outside.
3. Push each strip between the head of two frames inside the brood area or the bee cluster with a minimum distance of 2 frames between strips. The strips should be placed in such a way that the bees can have free access to both sides.
Alternatively, the strips can be hung by the hole in the V-shaped die-cut, using a small clove (or toothpick or hanger) fixed on the frame.



If brood is not present or at its lowest level, the strips can be removed after 6 weeks of treatment. If brood is present, leave the strips in place for 10 weeks and remove the strips at the end of treatment. In case the strips are covered by propolis and/or wax, at mid-treatment, it is possible to gently scratch the strips using a hive tool. Then, the strips should be placed in the hive again and repositioned, if necessary, in order to match the application instructions above (in case of changes in the bee cluster or brood area).

The product must not be administered when honey supers are present. The product can be used after the last honey harvest (late summer/autumn) and before spring honey-producing activity commences. Infestation monitoring is recommended to determine the best time for treatment.

Colonies can be fed during treatment to stimulate activity and encourage contact with the strips.

9. Advice on correct administration

None.

10. Withdrawal periods

Honey: zero days.
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Do not extract honey from the brood chamber.
Do not harvest honey when the treatment is in place.
Amitraz can accumulate in wax; Brood combs should be replaced with new foundation at least every three years. Do not recycle brood frames as honey frames.

11. Special storage precautions

Store in the original strips package. Keep the strips pack tightly closed

Protect from light.
Keep out of the sight and reach of children.
Do not store above 30°C
Do not use this veterinary medicinal product after the expiry date which is stated on the pack. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Shelf life after first opening the immediate packaging: use immediately and discard any unused product.

12. Special precautions for disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater.

The veterinary medicinal product should not enter watercourses as amitraz may be dangerous for fish and aquatic organisms.

Use take-back schemes for the disposal of any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived thereof in accordance with local requirements and with any national collection systems applicable to the veterinary medicinal product concerned. These measures should help to protect the environment.

Ask your veterinary surgeon or pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

13. Classification of veterinary medicinal products

Veterinary medicinal product not subject to prescription.

14. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBERS AND PACK SIZES

Vm 51567/5000

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

15. PID link (Do not print heading)

Find more product information by searching for the 'Product Information Database' on www.gov.uk.

16. Contact details

Marketing authorisation holder:

VETO-PHARMA SAS
12-14 rue de la Croix Martre
91120 Palaiseau
FRANCE

Manufacturer responsible for batch release:
VETO-PHARMA
ZA Champrue
36310 Chaillac
FRANCE

Local representatives and contact details to report suspected adverse reactions:

For any information about this veterinary medicinal product, please contact the local representative of the marketing authorisation holder.

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17. Other information

Amitraz may be dangerous for fish and other aquatic organisms.

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