

**ANNEX III**  
**LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET**

**A. LABELLING**

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGE**

{Cardboard Box}

**1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Formicpro 68.2g Beehive Strips for Honey Bees

Formic Acid

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Each Beehive Strip contains:

**Active substance:**

Formic Acid                                      68.2g

**3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

Beehive strip

**4. PACKAGE SIZE**

2 sachets (4 strips)  
10 sachets (20 strips)  
30 sachets (60 strips)

**5. TARGET SPECIES**

Honey bees

**6. INDICATION(S)**

For OTC Products

Treatment of Varroosis caused by *Varroa destructor* in honey bees (*Apis mellifera*).

**7. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

For in-hive use.  
Read the package leaflet before use.

**8. WITHDRAWAL PERIOD(S)**

**Withdrawal period**

**Honey:** Zero days.

Supers with honey must be removed from the hive prior to product application. Honey stored in super(s) put on for the treatment period must be removed and not used for human consumption. Spent strips must be removed before supers intended for harvest are placed on the hive.

**9. SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

Read the package leaflet before use.

**10. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP: MM/YYYY

**11. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**

Store in the original container.  
Protect from direct sunlight.  
Store indoors in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place.

**12. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNUSED PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS, IF ANY**

Dispose of waste material in accordance with local requirements.

Disposal: read package leaflet.

**13. THE WORDS “FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY” AND CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE, IF APPLICABLE**

For animal treatment only.

**14. THE WORDS “KEEP OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN”**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

**15. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

NOD Apiary Ireland Limited  
Tullow Industrial Estate  
Tullow  
Co Carlow  
Ireland  
R93 W0D8

**16. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER**

Vm 50769/4001

**17. MANUFACTURER'S BATCH NUMBER**

Batch: XX-XXX-X

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON IMMEDIATE PACKAGE**

{Sachet}

**1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Formicpro 68.2g Beehive Strips for Honey Bees

Formic acid

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Each Beehive Strip contains:

**Active substance:**

Formic Acid	68.2g
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**3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

Beehive strip

**4. PACKAGE SIZE**

1 sachet (2 strips)

**5. TARGET SPECIES**

Honey bees

**6. INDICATION(S)**

For OTC Products

Treatment of Varroosis caused by *Varroa destructor* in honey bees (*Apis mellifera*).

**7. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

For in-hive use.  
Read the package leaflet before use.

**8. WITHDRAWAL PERIOD(S)**

**Withdrawal period**  
**Honey:** Zero days.

Supers with honey must be removed from the hive prior to product application. Honey stored in super(s) put on for the treatment period must be removed and not used for human consumption. Spent strips must be removed before supers intended for harvest are placed on the hive.

**9. SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

Read the package leaflet before use.

**10. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP: MM/YYYY

**11. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**

Store in the original container.  
Protect from direct sunlight.  
Store indoors in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place.

**12. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNUSED PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS, IF ANY**

Not required on the immediate label.

**13. THE WORDS “FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY” AND CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE, IF APPLICABLE**

For animal treatment only.

**15. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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Tullow Industrial Estate  
Tullow  
Co Carlow  
Ireland  
R93 W0D8

**16. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER**

Vm 50769/4001

**17. MANUFACTURER’S BATCH NUMBER**

Batch: XX-XXX-X

**B. PACKAGE LEAFLET**



## PACKAGE LEAFLET:

Formicpro 68.2g Beehive Strips for Honey Bees

### **1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER AND OF THE MANUFACTURING AUTHORISATION HOLDER RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE, IF DIFFERENT**

Marketing authorisation holder:

NOD Apiary Ireland Limited  
Tullow Industrial Estate  
Tullow  
Co Carlow  
Ireland  
R93 W0D8

Manufacturer responsible for batch release:

Lohmann Pharma Herstellung GmbH  
Heinz-Lohmann-Strasse 5  
27472 Cuxhaven  
Germany

Manufacturer responsible for batch release:

Animal Health Distributor (AHD)  
Tullow Industrial Estate,  
Tullow, Co Carlow, Ireland  
R93 W0D8

### **2. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Formicpro 68.2g Beehive Strips for Honey Bees

Formic acid

### **3. STATEMENT OF THE ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S) AND OTHER INGREDIENT(S)**

Each Beehive Strip contains:

Active Substance:

Formic Acid: 68.2g

Brown, semi-rigid to soft gel strip covered in a biodegradable laminated paper, which maintains form.

#### **4. INDICATION(S)**

Treatment of Varroosis caused by *Varroa destructor* in honey bees (*Apis mellifera*).

#### **5. CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Do not use when daytime temperatures are outside the range of 10 – 29.5°C on the day of application. See 'Special Warnings' also.

Do not use for treatment of colonies less than 10,000 bees. A smaller colony might not be able to provide sufficient air flow to achieve a tolerable formic acid concentration.

#### **6. ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Insufficient ventilation, high ambient temperatures and insufficient hive volume have been identified as particular risk factors for build-up of formic acid concentrations beyond easily tolerated levels. Specific requirements of the contraindications and special warnings sections should be carefully observed as there is an increased risk of adverse events if these are not followed.

In uncommon cases, increased adult bee mortality, brood mortality and/or queen loss have been observed, more so in smaller cavity hive designs or where entrance reducers were not removed prior to use. Secondary signs including bees absconding, reduced reproduction and/or total colony loss have been noted in consequence.

Moribund bees (e.g. those suffering from a viral infection or a high mite infestation) are more susceptible to toxic effects.

Formic acid will initially disturb colony activities and may, within one day of application, result in queen rejection, triggering queen supercedure activities in rare cases.

Colonies are expected to expand the cluster as part of controlling vapour concentration during the first 3 days of treatment. Bearding behaviour may be observed in very rare cases.

The frequency of adverse reactions is defined using the following convention.

- *very common (more than 1 in 10 colonies treated displaying adverse reaction(s))*
- *common (more than 1 but less than 10 colonies in 100 colonies treated)*
- *uncommon (more than 1 but less than 10 colonies in 1,000 colonies treated)*
- *rare (more than 1 but less than 10 colonies in 10,000 colonies treated)*

- *very rare (less than 1 colony in 10,000 colonies treated, including isolated reports.)'*

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 inform your veterinary surgeon. Alternatively, you can report via your national reporting system {national system details}.

## **7. TARGET SPECIES**

Honey bees

## **8. DOSAGE FOR EACH SPECIES, ROUTE(S) AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Dosage:** 1 sachet (i.e. 2 strips) per hive. for 7 days. Allow a minimum of one month between applications.

## **9. ADVICE ON CORRECT ADMINISTRATION**

### **VERTICALLY MODULAR HIVE TYPES (EXAMPLES: DADANT, LANGSTROTH)**

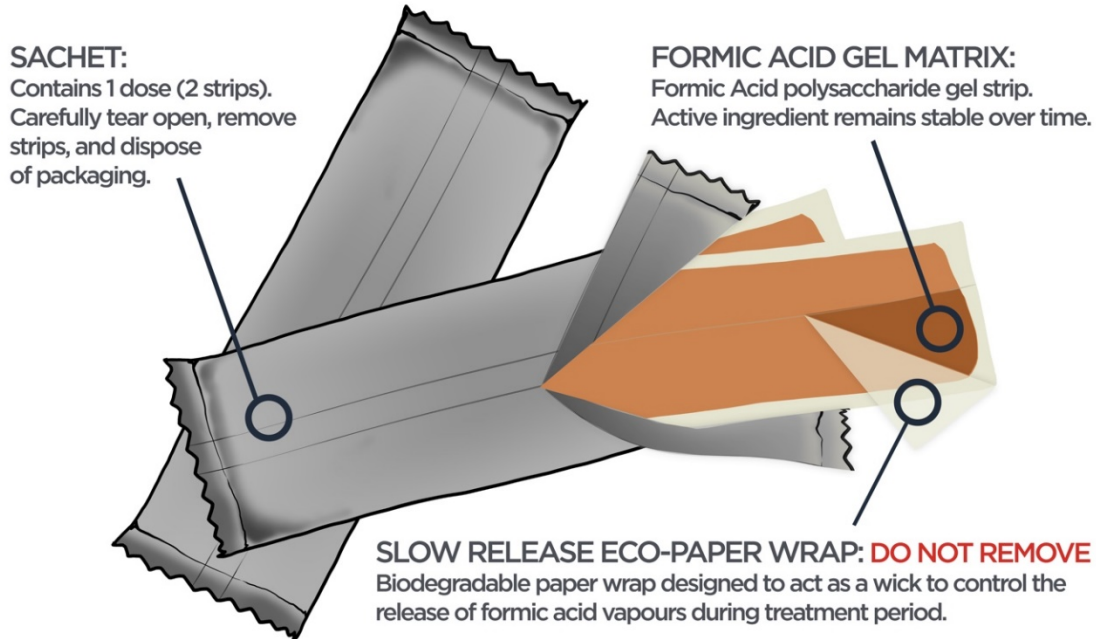
#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Screen bottom boards should be closed off during treatment to optimize efficacy.

Once the hive is prepared, carefully remove the strips from the sachet and separate the two strips. **DO NOT REMOVE THE ECO-PAPER WRAP.** This acts as a wick (i.e. it controls the rate of the release of the active substance).

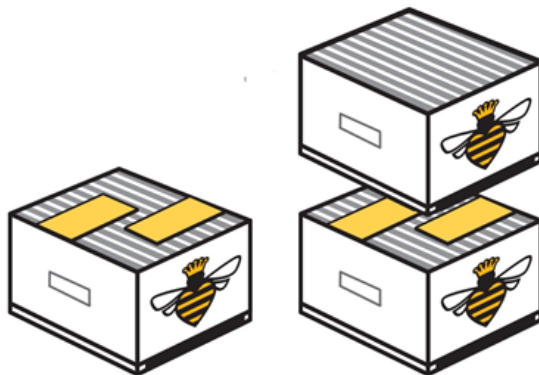
Do not disturb brood chamber frames during the application process. Place treatment on the top bars of the frames of the lower brood chamber. No additional spacer should be used; hive components must fit tightly together as the hive is reassembled.

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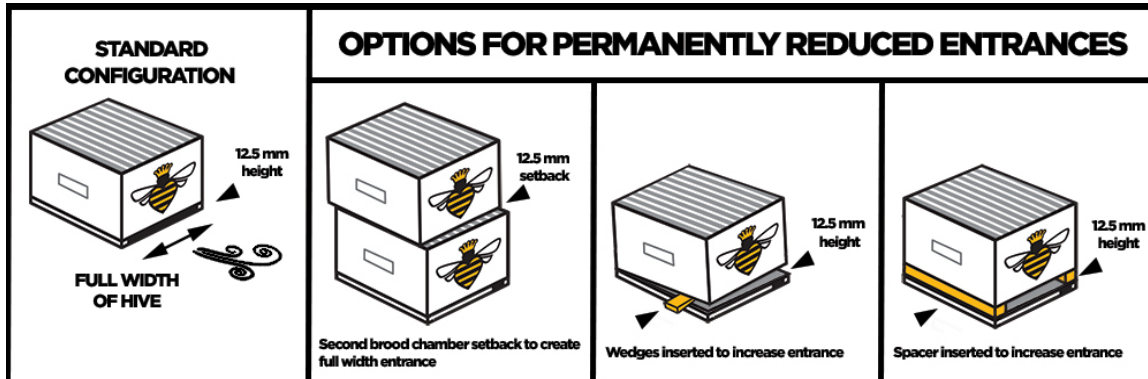
## DOSING INSTRUCTIONS

For double brood chamber hives, lay two strips, staggering them so they lay flat and across the full width of the lower brood chamber, in the heart of the brood rearing zone, with approximately 5 cm between strips and 10 cm between the ends of the brood chamber and the outer edges of the strips. For single brood chamber hives lay two strips flat across the frames directly above the brood rearing zone with spacing as indicated above.



The bottom hive entrance needs to be open the full width of the hive, minimum 12.5 mm high, for the entire duration of the treatment, with no barriers into the brood chamber.

In hives with permanently reduced entrances take appropriate measures to provide equivalent ventilation slots. Examples are provided in the pictogram.



Spent strips do not need to be immediately removed at the end of the treatment period but must be removed before supers are placed back on the hive.

When removed, dispose of by composting.

## 10. WITHDRAWAL PERIOD(S)

**Honey:** Zero days.

Supers with honey must be removed from the hive prior to product application. See Section 'Special precautions for use in animals'. Honey stored in super(s) put on for the treatment period must be removed and not used for human consumption. Spent strips must be removed before supers intended for harvest are placed on the hive.

## 11. SPECIAL STORAGE PRECAUTIONS

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Store in the original container.

Protect from direct sunlight.

Store indoors in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place.

An alteration in colour from light brown to dark brown may be observed during storage due to the potential for caramelisation of the gel matrix.

## 12. SPECIAL WARNING(S)

Special warnings for each target species:

The product should only be used as part of an integrated varroa control programme. It is highly recommended to monitor mite levels monthly during periods of brood rearing

and treat when local thresholds are reached. Use according to local treatment recommendations, if available.

Take care to disturb the colony as little as possible during the application process.

Treat all colonies in the apiary at the same time, to avoid re-infestation from untreated colonies

Screen bottom boards should be closed off during treatment to optimize efficacy.

The safety and efficacy of the product has not been fully tested in horizontal hives such as Layens hives. Use only according to a thorough benefit/risk assessment and after consideration of possible integrated pest management alternatives.

Special precautions for use in animals:

Do not disturb the colony during the treatment period. If the colony is disturbed during the treatment period, there is an increased risk of brood and/or adult bee (including queen) mortality, and absconding may also occur.

Natural birth and death rate is 1,000 to 2,000 bees per day during spring and summer, the natural death rate increases in the autumn as the large summer bee population is replaced by the smaller winter bee population. Under the stress of treatment, bees that are fragile due to age or maladies, (ones that normally would die away from the hive), may succumb within the hive, and can be observed around the entrance.

**Temperatures:** Outside daytime temperature highs should be in the temperature range given in section 'Contraindications' Temperatures above this range during the first three days of treatment may cause increased brood mortality and a higher risk of queen loss, particularly in fragile queens. If such temperatures coincide with a dearth period (where food is in short supply), there is an elevated risk of queen loss, sudden supercedure, or delay in egg laying. Treatment should be postponed until temperatures drop or nectar flow resumes.

To avoid an intolerable formic acid concentration, it is essential to ensure sufficient ventilation during the treatment period. An entrance must be provided that is the full width of the hive (typically the bottom board entrance), with a minimum height 12.5 mm. Any restriction on air movement through the entrance into the brood chamber (e.g. reducer or mouse guard) must be removed to prevent excessive damage to the colonies.

In hives with permanently reduced bottom entrances take appropriate measures to provide a sufficient level of ventilation (i.e. provision of alternative brood chamber entrances to act as ventilation slots). Refer to section 'Advice on correct administration' for further information.

Colonies should have good food reserves at time of treatment and should not be fed in-hive during treatment.

Do not destroy queen cells that may be observed prior to or post treatment. Supercedure, even if thought to be set in motion by treatment, is a natural process, and should be allowed to proceed for the health of the colony. Verify the colony is queen-right one month after treatment. Mother and daughter queens present post treatment are not uncommon.

In case of expanding colonies which require extra space, supers empty of honey may be placed on the hive at time of application.

Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:

- This veterinary medicinal product is irritating to the skin and eyes. Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and mucous membranes. When handling and applying the product, wear the usual beekeeping protective clothing. Have water readily available.
- In case of accidental eye contact, flush the eye(s) immediately with clear running water for 10 minutes, seek medical advice and show the package leaflet to the physician.
- Avoid contact with skin by wearing chemical resistant gloves (EN 374). In case of accidental skin contact, wash the exposed skin immediately with water and seek medical advice if irritation persists.
- Avoid inhalation of vapour. Only open the product container and unwrap strips outdoors, standing upwind of the product. In case of accidental inhalation move to fresh air and seek medical advice if irritation persists.
- If you cannot avoid working in a confined space, wear an appropriate half-mask or full-mask respirator with filters conforming to Type B or E.
- Keep children well away during application of product.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst handling and applying the product.
- Always wash hands with soap and water directly after use.
- People with known sensitivity to formic acid or oxalic acid should administer the veterinary medicinal product with caution.

Other precautions

This product is corrosive. Do not allow product to contact metal surfaces.

Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction:

Do not use with other acaricides against varroosis.

Overdose (symptoms, emergency procedures, antidotes):

Excessive mortality of adult bees and brood as well as absconding are typical overdose symptoms. These signs can be caused by exceeding the recommended dose, insufficient ventilation, high temperatures and/or inappropriate hive volume. In case of overdose, increase hive ventilation by creating additional entrances from top

to bottom. Check for presence of the queen 2 weeks after application. See also section 'Special precautions for use in animals' and 'Advice on correct administration'.

**13. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNUSED PRODUCT OR WASTE MATERIALS, IF ANY**

Medicines should not be disposed of via household waste. Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from such veterinary medicinal products should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

**14. DATE ON WHICH THE PACKAGE LEAFLET WAS LAST APPROVED**

June 2022

**15. OTHER INFORMATION**

Pack size:

Cardboard box containing a plastic liner (with resealable tape) with 2 sachets (4 strips)

Cardboard box containing a plastic liner (with resealable tape) with 10 sachets (20 strips)

Cardboard box containing a plastic liner (with resealable tape) with 30 sachets (60 strips)

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Approved 15 June 2022

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