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By email

Dear Professor Dean

Thank you for your letter of September 6th.

I address the point in your letter which you consider to be the most important:

“Perhaps the most important point for CHC to comprehend is that the VMD has no direct regulatory powers over the professional behaviour of the veterinary surgeon. I had hoped this was clear from our position paper but I am grateful to you for the opportunity to add further clarification as this does not appear to have been understood.”

You are in fact wrong about this. The VMD does indeed have power over the veterinary profession. It has the power to withdraw licenses for core vaccines which stipulate boosting on an annual basis. It has the power to withdraw these products from sale. With this act alone, the VMD has the power to call an immediate halt to annual vaccination against core viral disease, and to stop vets administering vaccines which are neither necessary nor without potential harm.

Our correspondence began in February when we asked the VMD to withdraw one-year core MLV vaccine licenses. Your position paper failed to address this issue. You merely reflected the status quo. Nothing you have written in response to our request has addressed this issue.

Can you please tell us why redundant one-year core MLV vaccines are on the market, and when we can expect them to be withdrawn?

Yours sincerely

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