

Merck Animal Health Statement on Plasma-Based Products

Plasma-based products are used for both human and animal health and provide therapeutic benefits for a range of conditions. Merck Animal Health markets PMSG, a product manufactured with blood plasma from horses. PMSG is used to improve fertility in cattle, pigs, and horses that cannot do so on their own.

The plasma we currently source is from suppliers in Europe who are experts in blood plasma collection. All of our suppliers are required to comply with local and regional legal and regulatory requirements regarding the collection of blood plasma in order to ensure the welfare of the animals at all times. They are also subject to periodic inspections from our own veterinarians as well as the local government agencies. In addition, Merck Animal Health requires our suppliers to comply with contractual veterinary oversight requirements, including monitoring for anemia, and strict limits on blood collection. Furthermore, the suppliers are also bound by the Merck code of [conduct](#) that is publicly accessible at www.merck.com.

It is important to note that if requirements are not met by any of our suppliers, Merck Animal Health takes corrective action to ensure compliance or, if unsuccessful, stops all work with the supplier.