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Plasma-based products are used for both human and animal health and provide therapeutic benefits for a range of conditions. Merck Animal Health markets Equine Chorionic Gonadotrophin (eCG), also known as Pregnant Mare Serum Gonadotrophin (PMSG), which is a product manufactured from plasma obtained from horses and is used to stimulate fertility in several species.

The plasma is sourced only from suppliers who are experts in plasma collection. All our suppliers are required to comply with local and national legal requirements. Merck has put guidelines in place with its suppliers to ensure the health and welfare of animals at all times. Merck Animal Health contractually requires its suppliers to comply with veterinary oversight requirements, including but not limited to monitoring for anemia, strict limits on plasma collection, and prohibition of pregnancy termination. They are also subject to internal and external periodic inspections. Our suppliers are also bound by the [Merck Supplier Performance Expectations](https://www.merck.com/company-overview/suppliers/) that is publicly accessible at <https://www.merck.com/company-overview/suppliers/>.

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