

# VMD on-site inspections to re-start 24 August

News story

VMD will re-start on-site inspections of manufacturers, wholesalers, vet practices, feed business operators and SQP retailer premises.



Further to the [news item of 3 April 2020](#) the VMD has reviewed its inspections programme to ensure we can resume on-site inspections safely.

From 24 August 2020 we will re-start on-site inspections of manufacturers, wholesalers, vet practices, feed business operators and SQP retailer premises. On-site inspections of the pharmacovigilance (PhV) systems of Marketing Authorisation Holders will re-start at a later date. In the meantime, we will continue to inspect PhV systems remotely.

The UK Government and Devolved Administrations have been easing restrictions on travel and working arrangements. This has allowed retailers and other businesses to re-open with measures in place to ensure visitors are safe.

We have conducted a risk assessment of the inspections programme. Inspectors will discuss the inspection process with responsible persons at a premise when arranging visits to ensure the inspection is conducted safely and in line with local requirements. Some aspects of the inspection may also take place remotely to reduce the amount of time needed on-site.

If you have any questions, please email [inspections@vmd.gov.uk](mailto:inspections@vmd.gov.uk)

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