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**Update on Pigeon Rotavirus Vaccine**

Our application for a Pigeon Rotavirus vaccine has been examined by the federal regulators who deal with animal medicines (APVMA). They have come back to us with a request for more information. Its perhaps not surprising as this is a relatively high tech vaccine. We are working to put together the dossier of extra information required as quickly as we can.

Meanwhile we are also working on a number of technical issues with pilot batches of the vaccine, in conjunction with the university that did the initial research work.

It's still not possible to say when the vaccine will be ready, other than to say it won't be ready in time for the federations who start racing in mid May. All we can do is keep working away at it as best we can and have it ready as soon as possible.

Pigeon rotavirus is a new emergency disease in a small industry. The initial research work done at the university was rushed through with limited resources and minimal budget in an attempt to make some sort of vaccine available as soon as possible. We only have limited information at this time in regards to optimal usage of the vaccine, e.g., timing of shots, onset and duration of immunity. Furthermore our formulations aren't exactly the same as the university. For the time being we will have to rely on general experience with other similar vaccines as regards usage instructions until we have a chance to do some trial work on the actual commercial vaccine in its final form. For the time being though our focus is on the vaccine itself and getting it out as soon as possible.