ANNEX I SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Milquantel 2.5 mg/25 mg tablets for small dogs and puppies weighing at least 0.5 kg

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each tablet contains:

Active substances:

Milbemycin oxime 2.5 mg Praziquantel 25.0 mg

Excipients:

Qualitative composition of excipients and other constituents	
Cellulose, microcrystalline	
Lactose monohydrate	
Povidone	
Croscarmellose sodium	
Silica, colloidal anhydrous	
Meat Flavour	
Yeast powder	
Magnesium stearate	

Yellowish-white with brown spots, oval, biconvex tablets scored on one side. The tablets can be divided into halves.

3. CLINICAL INFORMATION

3.1 Target species

Dogs (small dogs and puppies).

3.2 Indications for use for each target species

Treatment of mixed infections by adult cestodes and nematodes of the following species:

- Cestodes:

Dipylidium caninum Taenia spp. Echinococcus spp. Mesocestoides spp.

- Nematodes:

Ancylostoma caninum Toxocara canis Toxascaris leonina Trichuris vulpis Crenosoma vulpis (Reduction of the level of infection)

Angiostrongylus vasorum (Reduction of the level of infection by immature adult (L5) and adult parasite stages; see specific treatment and disease prevention schedules under section 3.9 "Administration routes and dosage")

Thelazia callipaeda (see specific treatment schedule under section 3.9 "Administration routes and dosage")

The veterinary medicinal product can also be used in the prevention of heartworm disease (*Dirofilaria immitis*) if concomitant treatment against cestodes is indicated.

3.3 Contraindications

Do not use in puppies of less than 2 weeks of age and/or weighing less than 0.5 kg. Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the active substances or to any of the excipients. See also section 3.5.

3.4 Special warnings

Parasite resistance to any particular class of anthelmintic may develop following frequent, repeated use of an anthelmintic of that class.

It is recommended to treat all the animals in the same household concomitantly.

In order to develop an effective worm control programme local epidemiological information and the risk of exposure of the dog should be taken into account, and it is recommended to seek professional advice.

When *D. caninum* infection is present, concomitant treatment against intermediate hosts, such as fleas and lice, should be considered to prevent re-infection.

3.5 Special precautions for use

Special precautions for safe use in the target species:

Studies with milbemycin oxime indicate that the margin of safety in certain dogs of Collie or related breeds is less than in other breeds. In these dogs, the recommended dose should be strictly observed. The tolerance of the veterinary medicinal product in young puppies from these breeds has not been investigated.

Clinical signs in Collies are similar to those seen in the general dog population when overdosed.

Treatment of dogs with a high number of circulating microfilariae can sometimes lead to the appearance of hypersensitivity reactions, such as pale mucous membranes, vomiting, trembling, laboured breathing or excessive salivation. These reactions are associated with the release of proteins from dead or dying microfilariae and are not a direct toxic effect of the veterinary medicinal product. The use in dogs suffering from microfilaremia is thus not recommended.

In heartworm risk-areas, or in the case it is known that a dog has been travelling to and from heartworm risk regions, before using the veterinary medicinal product, a veterinary consultation is advised to exclude the presence of any concurrent infestation of *Dirofilaria immitis*. In the case of a positive diagnosis, adulticidal therapy is indicated before administering the veterinary medicinal product.

No studies have been performed with severely debilitated dogs or individuals with seriously compromised kidney or liver function. The veterinary medicinal product is not recommended for such animals or only according to a benefit/risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian.

In dogs less than 4 weeks old, tape worm infection is unusual. Treatment of animals less than 4 weeks old with a combination veterinary medicinal product may therefore not be necessary.

As the tablets are flavoured, they should be stored in a safe place out of the reach of animals.

Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:

In case of accidental ingestion, particularly by a child, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.

Wash hands after use.

Part tablets should be returned to the open blister pocket and inserted into the outer carton.

Special precautions for the protection of the environment:

Not applicable.

Other precautions:

Echinococcosis represents a hazard for humans. As Echinococcosis is a notifiable disease to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), specific guidelines on the treatment and follow-up, and on the safeguard of persons, need to be obtained from the relevant competent authority (e. g. experts or institutes of parasitology).

3.6 Adverse events

Dogs:

Very rare	Hypersensitivity reaction
(<1 animal / 10,000 animals treated,	Systemic disorders (e.g. lethargy, anorexia)
including isolated reports):	Neurological disorders (e.g. muscle tremor, ataxia)
	Digestive tract disorders (e.g. emesis, diarrhoea, drooling)

Reporting adverse events is important. It allows continuous safety monitoring of a veterinary medicinal product. Reports should be sent, preferably via a veterinarian, to either the marketing authorisation holder or its local representative or the national competent authority via the national reporting system. See the package leaflet for respective contact details.

3.7 Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay

Pregnancy and lactation:

Can be used during pregnancy and lactation.

Fertility:

Can be used in breeding animals.

3.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

No interactions were observed when the recommended dose of the macrocyclic lactone selamectin was administered during treatment with the combination of milbemycin oxime and praziquantel at the recommended dose. In the absence of further studies, caution should be taken in the case of concurrent use of the veterinary medicinal product and other macrocyclic lactones. Also, no such studies have been performed with reproducing animals.

3.9 Administration routes and dosage

Oral use.

To ensure a correct dosage, body weight should be determined as accurately as possible.

Minimum recommended dose rate: 0.5 mg of milbemycin oxime and 5 mg of praziquantel per kg are given once orally.

The veterinary medicinal product should be administered with or after some food.

Depending on the bodyweight of the dog, the practical dosing is as follows:

Body weight	Tablets
0.5 - 1 kg	1/2 tablet
>1 – 5 kg	1 tablet
>5 – 10 kg	2 tablets

In cases when heartworm disease prevention is used and at the same time treatment against tapeworm is required, the veterinary medicinal product can replace the monovalent veterinary medicinal product for the prevention of heartworm disease.

For treatment of *Angiostrongylus vasorum* infections, milbemycin oxime should be given four times at weekly intervals. It is recommended, where concomitant treatment against cestodes is indicated, to treat once with the veterinary medicinal product and continue with the monovalent veterinary medicinal product containing milbemycin oxime alone, for the remaining three weekly treatments.

In endemic areas administration of the veterinary medicinal product every four weeks will prevent angiostrongylosis by reducing immature adult (L5) and adult parasite burden, where concomitant treatment against cestodes is indicated.

For the treatment of *Thelazia callipaeda*, milbemycin oxime should be given in 2 treatments, seven days apart. Where concomitant treatment against cestodes is indicated, the veterinary medicinal product can replace the monovalent veterinary medicinal product containing milbemycin oxime alone.

3.10 Symptoms of overdose (and where applicable, emergency procedures and antidotes)

No other signs than those observed at the recommended dose have been observed (see 3.6).

3.11 Special restrictions for use and special conditions for use, including restrictions on the use of antimicrobial and antiparasitic veterinary medicinal products in order to limit the risk of development of resistance

Not applicable.

3.12 Withdrawal periods

Not applicable.

4. PHARMACOLOGICAL INFORMATION

4.1 ATCvet code:

OP54AB51

4.2 Pharmacodynamics

Milbemycin oxime belongs to the group of macrocyclic lactones, isolated from the fermentation of *Streptomyces hygroscopicus* var. *aureolacrimosus*. It is active against mites, against larval and adult stages of nematodes as well as against larvae of *Dirofilaria immitis*.

The activity of milbemycin is related to its action on invertebrate neurotransmission: Milbemycin oxime, like avermectins and other milbemycins, increases nematode and insect membrane permeability to chloride ions via glutamate-gated chloride ion channels (related to vertebrate GABA_A and glycine receptors). This leads to hyperpolarisation of the neuromuscular membrane and flaccid paralysis and death of the parasite.

Praziquantel is an acylated pyrazino-isoquinoline derivative. Praziquantel is active against cestodes and trematodes. It modifies the permeability for calcium (influx of Ca²⁺) in the membranes of the parasite inducing an imbalance in the membrane structures, leading to membrane depolarisation and almost instantaneous contraction of the musculature (tetany), rapid vacuolization of the syncytial tegument and subsequent tegumental disintegration (blebbing), resulting in easier expulsion from the gastrointestinal tract or death of the parasite.

4.3 Pharmacokinetics

After oral administration of praziquantel in the dog, after a small amount of food, peak serum levels of parent are rapidly attained (T_{max} approximately 0.25-2.5 hours) and decline quickly (t_{1/2} approximately 1 hour); there is a substantial hepatic first-pass effect, with very rapid and almost complete hepatic biotransformation, principally to monohydroxylated (also some di- and tri-hydroxylated) derivatives, which are mostly glucuronide and/or sulfate conjugated before excretion. Plasma binding is about 80%. Excretion is fast and complete (about 90% in 2 days); the principal route of elimination is renal. After oral administration of milbemycin oxime in dogs, after a small amount of food, peak plasma levels occur at about 0.75-3.5 hours, and decline with a half-life of the unmetabolised milbemycin oxime of 1-4 days. Bioavailability is about 80%.

In the rat, metabolism appears to be complete although slow, since unchanged milbemycin oxime has not been found in urine or faeces. Main metabolites in the rat are monohydroxylated derivatives, attributable to hepatic biotransformation. In addition to relatively high liver concentrations, there is some concentration in fat, reflecting its lipophilicity.

5. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

5.1 Major incompatibilities

Not applicable.

5.2 Shelf life

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 3 years Shelf life for halved tablets after first opening the immediate packaging: 6 months.

5.3 Special precautions for storage

Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture. This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special temperature storage conditions.

Halved tablets should be stored below 25°C in the original blister and be used for the next administration.

Keep the blister in the outer carton.

5.4 Nature and composition of immediate packaging

Blister packs consisting of cold formed OPA/Al/PVC foil and aluminium foil.

Box with 1 blister of 2 tablets.

Box with 1 blister of 4 tablets.

Box with 12 blisters of 4 tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

5.5 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal products or waste materials derived from the use of such products

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste.

The veterinary medicinal product should not enter water courses as milbemycin oxime may be dangerous for fish and other aquatic organisms.

Use take-back schemes for the disposal of any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived thereof in accordance with local requirements and with any national collection systems applicable to the veterinary medicinal product concerned.

6. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

KRKA, d.d., Novo mesto

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

8. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION

Date of first authorisation:

9. DATE OF THE LAST REVISION OF THE SUMMARY OF THE PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

10. CLASSIFICATION OF VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

Veterinary medicinal product subject to prescription (IT, UK (NI)).

Veterinary medicinal product not subject to prescription (NL).

Veterinary medicinal product subject to prescription except for some pack sizes (FR).

Detailed information on this veterinary medicinal product is available in the <u>Union Product Database</u> (https://medicines.health.europa.eu/veterinary).

ANNEX III LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET

A. LABELLING

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGE {BOX}

1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Milquantel 2.5 mg/25 mg tablets

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES

Each tablet: milbemycin oxime 2.5 mg and praziquantel 25.0 mg.

3. PACKAGE SIZE

2 tablets

4 tablets

48 tablets

4. TARGET SPECIES

Small dogs and puppies (weighing at least 0.5 kg)

5. INDICATIONS

Flavoured broad spectrum anthelmintic

Only for those countries where the product is available without prescription:

Treatment of mixed infections by adult tapeworms and roundworms

6. ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION

Oral use.

Only for those countries where the product is available without prescription:

Dosage:

Body weight	Tablets
0.5 - 1 kg	1/2 tablet
> 1 - 5 kg	1 tablet
> 5 - 10 kg	2 tablets

7. WITHDRAWAL PERIODS

8. EXPIRY DATE

Exp. {mm/yyyy}		
Shelf life for halved tablets after first opening the immediate packaging: 6 months.		
9. SPECIAL STORAGE PRECAUTIONS		
Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture. Halved tablets should be stored below 25°C in the original blister and be used for the next administration. Keep the blister in the outer carton.		
10. THE WORDS "READ THE PACKAGE LEAFLET BEFORE USE"		
Read the package leaflet before use.		
11. THE WORDS "FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY"		
For animal treatment only.		
12. THE WORDS "KEEP OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN"		
Keep out of the sight and reach of children.		
13. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER		
KRKA		
14. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBERS		

BATCH NUMBER

Lot {number}

15.

MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS
{BLISTER}
1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT
Milquantel
2. QUANTITATIVE PARTICULARS OF THE ACTIVE SUBSTANCES
2.5 mg/25 mg
3. BATCH NUMBER
Lot {number}
4. EXPIRY DATE
Exp. {mm/yyyy}
KRKA

B. PACKAGE LEAFLET

PACKAGE LEAFLET

1. Name of the veterinary medicinal product

Milquantel 2.5 mg/25 mg tablets for small dogs and puppies weighing at least 0.5 kg Milquantel 12.5 mg/125 mg tablets for dogs weighing at least 5 kg

2. Composition

Each tablet contains:

	Tablets for small dogs and puppies	Tablets for dogs
Active substances:		
Milbemycin oxime	2.5 mg	12.5 mg
Praziquantel	25 mg	125 mg

Tablets for small dogs and puppies: Yellowish-white with brown spots, oval, biconvex tablets scored on one side.

The tablets can be divided into halves.

Tablets for dogs: Yellowish-white with brown spots, round, slightly biconvex tablets.

3. Target species

Small dogs and puppies (weighing at least 0.5 kg). Dogs (weighing at least 5 kg).

4. Indications for use

Treatment of mixed infections by adult cestodes and nematodes of the following species:

- Cestodes:

Dipylidium caninum Taenia spp. Echinococcus spp. Mesocestoides spp.

- Nematodes:

Ancylostoma caninum

Toxocara canis

Toxascaris leonina

Trichuris vulpis

Crenosoma vulpis (Reduction of the level of infection)

Angiostrongylus vasorum (Reduction of the level of infection by immature adult (L5) and adult parasite stages; see specific treatment and disease prevention schedules under section "Dosage for each species, routes and method of administration").

Thelazia callipaeda (see specific treatment schedule under section "Dosage for each species, route and method of administration").

The veterinary medicinal product can also be used in the prevention of heartworm disease (*Dirofilaria immitis*), if concomitant treatment against cestodes is indicated.

5. Contraindications

Do not use **tablets for small dogs and puppies** in animals of less than 2 weeks of age and/or weighing less than 0.5 kg.

Do not use **tablets for dogs** in animals weighing less than 5 kg.

Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the active substances or to any of the excipients. See also section "Special warnings".

6. Special warnings

Special warnings:

Parasite resistance to any particular class of anthelmintic may develop following frequent, repeated use of an anthelmintic of that class.

It is recommended to treat all the animals in the same household concomitantly.

In order to develop an effective worm control programme local epidemiological information and the risk of exposure of the dog should be taken into account, and it is recommended to seek professional advice.

When *D. caninum* infection is present, concomitant treatment against intermediate hosts, such as fleas and lice, should be considered to prevent re-infection.

Special precautions for safe use in the target species:

Studies with milbemycin oxime indicate that the margin of safety in certain dogs of Collie or related breeds is less than in other breeds. In these dogs, the recommended dose should be strictly observed. The tolerance of the veterinary medicinal product in young puppies from these breeds has not been investigated.

Clinical signs in Collies are similar to those seen in the general dog population when overdosed. Treatment of dogs with a high number of circulating microfilariae can sometimes lead to the appearance of hypersensitivity reactions, such as pale mucous membranes, vomiting, trembling, laboured breathing or excessive salivation. These reactions are associated with the release of proteins from dead or dying microfilariae and are not a direct toxic effect of the veterinary medicinal product. The use in dogs suffering from microfilaremia is thus not recommended.

In heartworm risk-areas, or in the case it is known that a dog has been travelling to and from heartworm risk regions, before using the veterinary medicinal product, a veterinary consultation is advised to exclude the presence of any concurrent infestation of *Dirofilaria immitis*. In the case of a positive diagnosis, adulticidal therapy is indicated before administering the veterinary medicinal product.

No studies have been performed with severely debilitated dogs or individuals with seriously compromised kidney or liver function. The veterinary medicinal product is not recommended for such animals or only according to a benefit/risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian.

In dogs less than 4 weeks old, tape worm infection is unusual. Treatment of animals less than 4 weeks old with a combination veterinary medicinal product may therefore not be necessary.

As the tablets are flavoured, they should be stored in a safe place out of the reach of animals.

Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:

In case of accidental ingestion, particularly by a child, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.

Wash hands after use.

Part tablets should be returned to the open blister pocket and inserted into the outer carton.

Other precautions:

Echinococcosis represents a hazard for humans. As Echinococcosis is a notifiable disease to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), specific guidelines on the treatment and follow-up, and on the safeguard of persons, need to be obtained from the relevant competent authority (e. g. experts or institutes of parasitology).

Pregnancy and lactation:

Can be used during pregnancy and lactation.

Fertility:

Can be used in breeding animals.

<u>Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction:</u>

No interactions were observed when the recommended dose of the macrocyclic lactone selamectin was administered during treatment with the combination of milbemycin oxime and praziquantel at the recommended dose. In the absence of further studies, caution should be taken in the case of concurrent use of the veterinary medicinal product and other macrocyclic lactones. Also, no such studies have been performed with reproducing animals.

Overdose:

No other signs than those observed at the recommended dose have been observed (see "Adverse events").

7. Adverse events

Dogs:

Very rare	Hypersensitivity reaction
(<1 animal / 10,000 animals treated, including isolated reports):	Systemic disorders (e.g. lethargy, anorexia (appetite loss))
	Neurological disorders (e.g. muscle tremor, ataxia (uncoordinated movements))
	Digestive tract disorders (e.g. emesis, diarrhoea, drooling)

Reporting adverse events is important. It allows continuous safety monitoring of a product. If you notice any side effects, even those not already listed in this package leaflet, or you think that the medicine has not worked, please contact, in the first instance, your veterinarian. You can also report any adverse events to the marketing authorisation holder or the local representative of the marketing authorisation holder using the contact details at the end of this leaflet, or via your national reporting system: {national system details}.

8. Dosage for each species, routes and method of administration

Oral use.

To ensure a correct dosage, body weight should be determined as accurately as possible. Minimum recommended dose rate: 0.5 mg of milbemycin oxime and 5 mg of praziquantel per kg are given once orally.

Depending on the bodyweight of the dog, the practical dosing is as follows:

Body weight	Tablets for small dogs and puppies	Tablets for dogs
0.5 - 1 kg	1/2 tablet	
>1 – 5 kg	1 tablet	
>5 – 10 kg	2 tablets	

5 – 25 kg	1 tablet
>25-50 kg	2 tablets
>50-75 kg	3 tablets

In cases when heartworm disease prevention is used and at the same time treatment against tapeworm is required, the veterinary medicinal product can replace the monovalent veterinary medicinal product for the prevention of heartworm disease.

For treatment of *Angiostrongylus vasorum* infections, milbemycin oxime should be given four times at weekly intervals. It is recommended, where concomitant treatment against cestodes is indicated, to treat once with the veterinary medicinal product and continue with the monovalent veterinary medicinal product containing milbemycin oxime alone, for the remaining three weekly treatments.

In endemic areas administration of the veterinary medicinal product every four weeks will prevent angiostrongylosis by reducing immature adult (L5) and adult parasite burden, where concomitant treatment against cestodes is indicated.

For the treatment of *Thelazia callipaeda*, milbemycin oxime should be given in 2 treatments, seven days apart. Where concomitant treatment against cestodes is indicated, the veterinary medicinal product can replace the monovalent veterinary medicinal product containing milbemycin oxime alone.

9. Advice on correct administration

The veterinary medicinal product should be administered with or after some food.

10. Withdrawal periods

Not applicable.

11. Special storage precautions

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture. This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special temperature storage conditions.

Do not use this veterinary medicinal product after the expiry date which is stated on the blister and carton after Exp. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Shelf life for halved tablets for small dogs and puppies after first opening the immediate packaging: 6 months.

Halved tablets should be stored below 25°C in the original blister and be used for the next administration.

Keep the blister in the outer carton.

12. Special precautions for disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste.

This veterinary medicinal product should not enter water courses as milbemycin oxime may be dangerous for fish and other aquatic organisms.

Use take-back schemes for the disposal of any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived thereof in accordance with local requirements and with any applicable national collection systems. These measures should help to protect the environment.

Ask your veterinary surgeon or pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

13. Classification of veterinary medicinal products

Veterinary medicinal product subject to prescription (IT, UK (NI)). Veterinary medicinal product not subject to prescription (NL). Veterinary medicinal product subject to prescription except for some pack sizes (FR).

14. Marketing authorisation numbers and pack sizes

Box with 1 blister of 2 tablets. Box with 1 blister of 4 tablets.

Box with 12 blisters of 4 tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

15. Date on which the package leaflet was last revised

Detailed information on this veterinary medicinal product is available in the <u>Union Product Database</u> (<u>https://medicines.health.europa.eu/veterinary</u>).

16. Contact details

Marketing authorisation holder and contact details to report suspected adverse reactions: KRKA, d.d., Novo mesto, Šmarješka cesta 6, 8501 Novo mesto, Slovenia

Manufacturer responsible for batch release:

KRKA, d.d., Novo mesto, Šmarješka cesta 6, 8501 Novo mesto, Slovenia KRKA-FARMA d.o.o., V. Holjevca 20/E, Jastrebarsko, 10450, Croatia

<u>Local representatives and contact details to report suspected adverse reactions:</u>

For any information about this veterinary medicinal product, please contact the local representative of the marketing authorisation holder.

17. Other information