

FACT SHEET 21

NEW RULES FOR THE ACCESS AND USE OF VETERINARY DRUGS



A cornerstone of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Antimicrobial Resistance is increased antimicrobial stewardship. As part of this strategy, Health Canada is strengthening its regulations and policies regarding the access and use of medically important antimicrobials.

BEGINNING DECEMBER 1st, 2018

- Producers will need a prescription from their veterinarian for antibiotics and medicated feed (Category I, II and III).
- In order to prescribe medically important antimicrobials, veterinarians will need to have a valid **Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship** with the producer.
- Antibiotics and medicated feed that may have previously been available over-the-counter will be sold by prescription only.
- Growth promotion claims will have been removed from product labels.

CATEGORY I VERY HIGH IMPORTANCE TO HUMAN MEDICINE

Antimicrobials in this category are used in the treatment of serious human infections and have limited or no alternatives.

Ceftiofur (e.g. Excenel, Excede, Ceftiocyl, Efficur, Cevaxel)
Fluoroquinolones (e.g. Baytril)

CATEGORY II HIGH IMPORTANCE TO HUMAN MEDICINE

Antimicrobials in this category are used in the treatment of serious human infections and have some alternatives.

Aminoglycosides (e.g. Apralan, Gentocin, Neomix, Neo-terramycin, Neo-tetramed, Neo-chlor, Hog scour sus)
Lincosamides (e.g. Lincomix, Linco-spectin, Lincomed, Lincomycin)
Macrolides (e.g. Pulmotil, Tilmovet, Draxxin, Tylan, Tylosin, Aivlosin)
Penicillin (e.g. Polyflex, Penpro, Depocillin, Pen Aqueous, Pen-p-110)
Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole (e.g. Borgal, Trmidox, Trivetrin, Bimotrin)
Streptogramin (e.g. Stafac, Virginiamycin)

CATEGORY III MEDIUM IMPORTANCE TO HUMAN MEDICINE

Antimicrobials in this category are not the preferred treatment for serious human infections and have alternatives.

Aminocyclitol
Amphenicol (e.g. Nufloor, Florkem)
Bacitracin (e.g. BMD, Albac, Bacitracin)
Pleuromutilin (e.g. Denagard)
Sulfamide (e.g. Sulfamethazine, Sulfa, Sulvit, Sulmed, Sulfa med)
Tetracycline (e.g. Aureomycin, Oxytetracycline, Oxysol, Terramycin, Chlor 100, Oxyvet, Liquamycin, Oxymycin, Deracin)

CATEGORY IV LOW IMPORTANCE TO HUMAN MEDICINE

Antimicrobials in this category are not used in human medicine. There are no changes to how these products are purchased.

Ionophores (e.g. Monteban, Coxistac, Posistac)
Orthosomycin (e.g. Surmax)