NEW EU RULES ON VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS AND MEDICATED FEED

**VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS: WHAT'S NEW?**

- **FIGHTING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE**
  - **BAN** on preventive use of antibiotics in groups of animals
  - **REINFORCED BAN** on the use of antimicrobials for promoting growth and increasing yield
  - **RESTRICTIONS** on metaphylactic use of antimicrobials (control treatment preventing a further spread of infection)
  - Possibility to **RESERVE** certain antimicrobials for humans only
  - **OBLIGATION** for Member States to collect data on the sale and use of antimicrobials

- **PROMOTING AVAILABILITY OF VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS BY STIMULATING INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS**

- **ESTABLISHING A MODERN, INNOVATIVE, FIT-FOR-PURPOSE LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

**MEDICATED FEED: WHAT'S NEW?**

- **FIGHTING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE**
  - **BAN** on preventive use of antimicrobials via medicated feed, on top of the use restrictions for veterinary medicines
  - **RESTRICTIONS** on the prescription of antimicrobials in medicated feed

- **EU-WIDE RULES FOR THE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE PRODUCTION OF SAFE MEDICATED FEED**
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Promoting a more prudent and responsible use of antimicrobials

Fighting antimicrobial resistance among animals and preventing the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria via the food chain

More innovation and better availability of veterinary medicines and medicated pet food

Reducing the administrative burden for pharmaceutical and feed companies and strengthening the internal market

“With this new legislation, we consolidate the EU’s position as a world leader in acting against antimicrobial resistance and contribute to global progress in this critical area. We deliver a stable and harmonised market place for veterinary medicines and medicated feed that encourages innovation and competitiveness, and contributes to greater animal health and welfare and food safety.”

Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

- In the EU, the majority of antimicrobials are consumed in animals (JIACRA Report, 2017)
- Of 130 countries recently assessed worldwide, more than 85% have no legislation for the import, manufacture, distribution and/or use of veterinary medicines (OIE, 2016)

TIMELINE

September 2014
Proposal by the European Commission

October-November 2018
Adoption by the European Parliament and the Council

Adoption of additional legal acts for implementation

December 2021 - January 2022
Application of the new legislation

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