

# PRODUCER GUIDE TO *THE* VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE

## VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE REGULATION UPDATE

Just as you prepare your animals for the changing seasons this year, you will need to plan with your veterinarian for how the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) will affect your future operations. Starting **JANUARY 1, 2017** how you use and access certain feed- and water-based antibiotics will change, so it is a good idea to start planning now.

**what?** **MEDICALLY IMPORTANT ANTIBIOTICS** will no longer be available to use for *growth promotion* purposes on any farm of any size. Medically important antibiotics are animal health products that are also important to human health. Use of these products for the *prevention, treatment or control* of a specific disease will require direct veterinary supervision.

**why?** The FDA states the updated VFD rules are critical to protect public health, limit the development of antimicrobial resistance and promote cautious use of these animal health products only when appropriate.

**plan ahead.** The biggest change is all about feed. Unless you have a VFD from your veterinarian, you will not be able to buy or use medicated feed or premixes. Over-the-counter sales will end. Plan ahead, work with your veterinarian and feed source.

## MEDICALLY IMPORTANT ANTIBIOTICS

Animal health products important to human health:

<b>PENICILLINS</b>	<b>MACROLIDES</b>
<b>GLYCOPEPTIDES</b>	<b>QUINOLONES</b>
<b>CEPHALOSPORINS</b>	<b>SULFAS</b>
<b>TETRACYCLINES</b>	<b>FLUOROQUINOLONES</b>

Examples include:

<b>CHLOROTETRACYCLINE (CTC)</b>	
<b>AUREOMYCIN</b>	<b>SULFAMETHAZINE</b>
<b>TYLOSIN</b>	

## NO LONGER ALLOWED

**PRODUCTION USES** = Enhance growth or improve feed efficiency

## ALLOWED UNDER DIRECT VETERINARY SUPERVISION

**THERAPEUTIC USES** = Treat animals diagnosed with an illness, control the spread of illness in a herd or flock, prevent illness in healthy animals when exposure is likely

## CHECKLIST FOR PRODUCERS

DO YOU HAVE A VALID VETERINARY-CLIENT-PATIENT-RELATIONSHIP (VCPR) WITH YOUR HERD VETERINARIAN?

YES

NO

HAVE YOU MET WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN TO REVIEW ALL ANIMAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS, VACCINATION PROTOCOLS AND MEDICATION CURRENTLY BEING USED?

YES

NO

DO YOU KNOW WHICH MEDICATIONS USED IN YOUR SYSTEM WILL REQUIRE A VFD ORDER OR WILL REMAIN OVER THE COUNTER (OTC)?

YES

NO

HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED A LOCATION TO STORE COPIES OF ALL VFD'S THAT ARE WRITTEN FOR YOUR ANIMALS?

YES

NO

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## FIRST STEPS TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

*build a relationship  
with your  
veterinarian*

The only way to get a VFD to purchase and use certain animal health products in feed and water is to establish a veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) with your veterinarian. A VCPR exists when the veterinarian knows your animals (the patient) well enough to be able to medically treat them, and you (the client) agree to follow the instructions of the veterinarian. If you do not already have a veterinarian that is part of your project team, contact your Extension agent to help find one in your area.

*make a list of all animal  
health products*

Many feed- and water-based antibiotics will be affected by the new VFD changes. Make a list of all the animal health products you currently use on your animals. Review the list with you veterinarian to determine if any of those products will require a VFD to keep using them.

*keep VFDs records  
for two years*

Even youth showing livestock, poultry and dairy will have to keep VFD records from their veterinarians on file for two years. VFDs may be stored electronically or as hard copy paper, so you will need to figure out the best method of maintaining these records on your farm or at home.

### VFD RECORDS SUMMARY SHEET

DATE STARTED FEEDING	LOCATION DESCRIPTION	ANIMAL DESCRIPTION AND ID	VFD DRUG AND HOW APPLIED (FEED OR WATER)	DATE FINISHED (DURATION FROM THE LABEL)	WITHDRAWL DATE (CALCULATE FROM THE LABEL)	NAME OF VETERINARIAN	VFD EXPIRATION DATE	WHERE PURCHASED FROM

Provided by UWEX Beef Information Center: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wbic/files/2016/02/VFD-Summary-Sheet-.pdf>

*continue working  
with your  
veterinarian*

Written VFDs from your veterinarian are specific to the set of animals receiving that treatment for a specific time line. Leftover medicated feed cannot be fed past the duration of use on the label or fed to other animals. Know when you will need your VFDs renewed and develop a renewal plan with your veterinarian.

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## VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE



Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_  
Clinic/Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Client \_\_\_\_\_  
Business/Premise \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Drug(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Drug(s) Level \_\_\_\_\_ g/ton Duration of Use \_\_\_\_\_  
Species and Production Class \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Reorders Authorized \_\_\_\_\_  
Indications of Use (as approved) \_\_\_\_\_ (if permitted by the drug approval)  
Caution (related to this medicated feed, if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**USE OF FEED CONTAINING THIS VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE (VFD) DRUG IN A MANNER  
OTHER THAN AS DIRECTED ON THE LABELING (EXTRALABEL USE) IS NOT PERMITTED**

Approximate Number of Animals \_\_\_\_\_ Other Identification (age, weight, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Premises Description \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Instructions (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

### Affirmation of intent (for combination VFD drugs) (check one box)

For VFD drugs for which there are no approved VFD combinations, only the first affirmation statement should be included

- ☐ This VFD only authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order and is not intended to authorize the use of such drug combination with any other animal drug
- ☐ This VFD authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order and is not intended to authorize the use of such drug combination(s) in medicated feed that contains the VFD drug(s) as a component:

Drug(s)	Drug Level(s) and any Special Instructions

- ☐ This VFD authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order in any FDA-approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination(s) in medicated feed that contains the VFD drug(s) as a component

► **Withdrawal Time** (if any): This VFD Feed must be withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ days prior to slaughter ◀

VFD Date of Issuance \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Day/Year

VFD Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Day/Year  
(As specified in the approval; cannot exceed 6 months after issuance)



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Take a moment and practice filling out the checklists below for your livestock project (s).



1. Name of my local Veterinarian:

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2. Name and location of my local Vet Clinic:

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3. Species of livestock I show:

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4. Products my family and I use to feed our livestock that may need a VFD from our veterinarian:

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