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Veterinary Oversight of Anti-Microbial Use

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I Importing Medically Important Antibiotics for use in Food Animals ends November 13, 2017

The Government of Canada through Health Canada is restricting personal importation (also known as own use importation) of veterinary drugs for food-producing animals or animals intended to be consumed as food (including horses).

The restrictions on importation for personal use will begin when the regulations come into effect on **November 13, 2017**. This means no Medically Important Antimicrobials will be authorized for importation after that date.

Visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/antibiotic-antimicrobial-resistance/animals/personal-importation-certain-drugs-food-producing-animals.html> to find out more details:

- Changes to the rules
- Who these rules apply to
- Criteria for adding a drug to List B
- How to request a drug be added to List B
- How to import a drug for food-producing animals
- Food safety and comparable Canadian drugs

II Medically important antimicrobials for veterinary use will be sold by prescription only as of December 1, 2018

Health Canada is [moving a number of Medically Important Antimicrobials \(MIAs\) approved for veterinary use before 2004 to the Prescription Drug List \(PDL\)](#). With this change, Health Canada will establish the same level of oversight for those MIAs approved before 2004 as for those approved after.

As of **December 1, 2018**, all MIAs for veterinary use will be on the PDL and must be sold by prescription only.

Timelines for the changes:

- Until December 1, 2018, the drugs listed in the '[Prescription status – affected drugs and dosage forms](#)' section will **not** be prescription status.
- As of December 1, 2018, the drugs listed in the '[Prescription status – affected drugs and dosage forms](#)' section **will** be prescription status.
- Beginning early 2018, you may start to see some label changes on the market during the transition between old and new labels.
- Read more: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/antibiotic-antimicrobial-resistance/animals/actions/responsible-use-antimicrobials.html>