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Dear Warren:

**Re: Position Statement on Importation of Veterinary Products**

The CABV/ACVB appreciates the opportunity to comment on CVMA's draft position statement on importation of veterinary products. Our executive board members have discussed the draft position statement and are very supportive of the document. There was a recommendation that the final sentence of background statement 2 could still be used as a loophole in situations where producers were importing animals. One suggestion was that background statement 2 be amended to state:

“...Provisions should accommodate **individual** animals that are being imported and are accompanied by an appropriate supply of properly labelled pharmaceuticals restricted to the use in the imported animals.”

Other members of our executive suggested that the last sentence of background statement 2 was not necessary and only created another loophole. Their suggestion was that it was highly unlikely that there would be any scenarios where an imported, healthy food animal would require pharmaceuticals to accompany them from the country of origin. These board members suggested taking a stronger stand and clearly state that there are no reasons for an importer to bring in pharmaceuticals from a country of origin when they can access pharmaceuticals in Canada that have a valid DIN.

I want to stress that our board members were highly supportive of this position statement and we certainly want to thank you for the opportunity to read the draft statement and provide comments.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jean Baril'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Jean Baril  
President, CABV/ACVB