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Dear Warren:

Re: Veterinary Prescription Templates for Food Animals

The CABV/ACVB appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the veterinary prescription templates for food animals (other than poultry) that has been prepared by the Animal Nutrition Association of Canada (ANAC).

We had substantial feedback and discussion from a number of our board members and most of them commented that the template was useful. There were several questions and suggestions for improvement which I have summarized in a number of bullet points below:

- *In the Drug Information area, the columns are made the same width and this isn't necessary. The current form does not leave enough space to fill in the Medicating Ingredient (Generic Name) – if it is handwritten; and the 2 columns on the right (Amt of drug product used per Tonne and Amount of active ingredient per tonne) only need to be ½ as wide because it is only a number (e.g. 2.0 kg or 400 mg/kg).*
- *An electronic version of the form that can tab between fields and/or use drop-down menus would be more user friendly.*
- *There are some parts of the template that are not clear. For example, the amount of product used per tonne or the amount of active ingredient per tonne - is this the amount of product or active ingredient in the supplement or premix or the target dose in the complete feed? On this template there does not seem to be an area to include the actual target dose of a product in the complete feed. In addition, some products are administered on a per head basis (i.e., MGA at 0.4 mg per head per day) or an antimicrobial which may be fed a dose per 100 lb body weight for specific disease interventions. How would one use this form to accommodate these scenarios? Our understanding is that the person prescribing a product must include on the prescription the target dose of a product in the complete feed, but also how much of this product needs to be added to the premix, and then state the inclusion level of this premix into the final diet(s) to ensure that the target dose is achieved.*
- *Is the ultimate plan to make this form or template mandatory for all feed prescriptions or just offered as a template for those who wish to use it?*

- *Veterinary prescription is under provincial regulations as well as CFIA regulation and there may be differences between provinces. For example in Quebec the permit number is required on the prescription. It was suggested to submit the form to each and every provincial regulatory body to make sure it is compliant with provincial regulations.*
- *It was also pointed out that Quebec already has electronic versions of medicated Feed/Premix veterinary prescriptions for Food Animals in Quebec. Veterinarians need to have access to the internet to write this type of prescription. The web site is: www.vet-expert.com. After registration with a Username and a Password, Veterinarians have access to the “Documex” software currently owned by the AMVPQ. In addition to writing electronic medicated Feed/Premix veterinary prescriptions for Food Animals, the software allows veterinarians to do accounting, electronic billing of their clients, and keep track of their clinic drug inventory. In the section of the medicated Feed/Premix prescription template, the owner/farm information, Feed Mill’s Address, Phone & Fax#, and all the drug information are already in the database of the software. Before finalizing the prescription, an electronic copy is usually sent to the nutritionist of the Feed Mill for verification. Any information can easily be changed as long as you have access to the internet. The format of the current of medicated Feed/Premix veterinary prescriptions template for Food Animals has already been approved by the Quebec Veterinary Medical Association*

Thank you for allowing us to provide our comments to the CVMA.

Kind regards,



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