



# New EU Regulations on veterinary medicines

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## Medicated Feed

- The term 'Veterinary Written Direction' (VWD) will no longer be used.
- A Veterinary Prescription will be required for all medicated feed.
- Medicated feed can only be prescribed for a diagnosed disease.
- Animals can no longer be treated with antibiotics in feed as a preventive measure.
- Animals can only be treated with medicated feed following the diagnosis of a bacterial disease in the group, by a vet.



## Veterinary Medicinal Products

- Antimicrobials must not be administered routinely.
- Antimicrobials must not be used for the preventive treatment of healthy animals except in exceptional circumstances.
- Antimicrobials must not be used for treatment of healthy cohort of animals except when the risk of spread of infection within the group is high, the consequences are likely to be severe and no other appropriate alternatives are available.
- Certain types of antibiotics, the “Critically Important Antimicrobials” (CIAs) will not be available for use in Agriculture.

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New Regulations on medicated feed (2019/4) and veterinary medicines (2019/6) will apply from January 2022

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