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MOULD INHIBITOR

1.0. Purpose:

- 1.1. Regulatory Directive on the use of antibiotics and gentian violet as mould inhibitor stipulates the prohibition of the use of antibiotics and gentian violet as mould inhibitor in animal feed by animal feed manufacturers and farmers.
- 1.2. The incidences of mycosis and mycotoxicosis in livestock due to consumption of mould-infested feed have been reported severally. One of the control methods for these problems is to inhibit the growth of fungal species in feed using many fungal inhibitors that are available commercially.
- 1.3. The use of fungal inhibitors and proper storage conditions provided an effective way of controlling the growth of fungi in feed and feeding stuff.

2.0. Scope:

- 2.1. This is a Regulatory Directive banning the use of all classes of antibiotics and gentian violet as mould inhibitor in animal feed by animal feed manufacturers and farmers.

3.0. Directive Details:

- 3.1. Animal feed manufacturers and farmers are banned from the use of gentian violet and all classes of antibiotics as mould inhibitor in animal feed.
- 3.2. Gentian violet is an antiseptic dye used to treat fungal infections of the skin (such as ringworm, athlete's foot). It also has weak antibacterial effects and may be used on minor cuts and scrapes to prevent

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infection. Gentian violet is not generally recognized as safe for use in animal feed due to its potential toxicity, and possible risks of cancer.

- 3.3. Also, antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is an issue of major concern globally. Although, the principal cause of the resistance is the misuse and abuse of antibiotics.

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