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1.0. Purpose:

- 1.1. The Regulatory Directive on the Use of Antibiotics as Growth Promoters in Livestock and Poultry Production stipulates the ban of the use of all classes of antibiotics as growth promoters in animal feed to prevent anti-antimicrobial resistance (AMR).
- 1.2. The use of antibiotics is common in livestock and poultry production around the world. Numerous research has shown that antibiotics increase the rate and efficiency of growth in animals. The inclusion of antibiotics in animal feed at sub-lethal doses promotes the growth of beneficial microbes by depressing the growth of others in the Gastrointestinal Tract (GIT).

2.0. Scope:

- 2.1. This is a Regulatory Directive banning the use of antibiotics for growth promotion in livestock and poultry production by farmers.

3.0. Directive Details:

- 3.1. All farmers and feed millers are banned from the use of antibiotics for growth promotion in animal production.
- 3.2. The growth-promoting effects of antibiotics are undisputed, but the collateral and long-term effects that can result in AMR and other debilitating diseases are of great concern.


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This practice has raised concerns about antimicrobial resistance as frequent use of antibiotics (especially at sub-lethal doses) leads to increasing resistance in enteric bacteria that can transfer their resistance to other pathogenic bacteria.

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