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1.0. Purpose:

1.1. This Regulatory Directive is issued in line with the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), and in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMA&FS), to comply with the banned veterinary pharmaceuticals in food-producing animals.

1.2. The use of banned veterinary pharmaceuticals in food-producing animals poses a great danger by generating residues that can be transferred to humans therefore leading to health hazards.

1.3. There are many factors influencing the occurrence of residues in animal products such as drug properties, improper drug usage and failure to adhere to the withdrawal period.

2.0. Scope:

2.1. This is a Regulatory Directive to veterinary pharmaceutical stakeholders on banned veterinary pharmaceuticals, not to be used in food-producing animals.

3.0. Directive Details:

3.1. The use of veterinary pharmaceuticals in food-producing animals has the potential to generate residues in animal products (meat, milk, egg) which poses a health hazard to the consumer.

3.2. The major public health significance of drug residue is the development of antimicrobial drug resistance (AMR), hypersensitivity reaction, carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, teratogenicity, and disruption of intestinal normal flora.

3.3. The banned veterinary pharmaceuticals listed on the Agency website (https://www.nafdac.gov.ng/veterinary-products/list-of-banned-veterinary-drugs/) are not permitted for use in food-producing animals.

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