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## **POLICY ON THE FORMULATION OF VETERINARY PRODUCT WITH NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) ANTIMICROBIALS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The excessive use of antibiotics in veterinary medicine, particularly as growth promoters in animal feeding may lead to the development of resistance which is a serious potential risk to animal and human health. The incidences of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) lead to treatment failure or infections that cannot be easily treated. This can lead to death of animals and economic loss.

### **DIRECTIVE**

The misuse resulting from overuse and underuse of antimicrobials, the consumption of animal products with high residue of antimicrobial agents resulting from non-adherence to withdrawal period when treating food producing animals and the irrational use of antimicrobial agents and the multiple antimicrobials in formulation of medications for both human and animal use are implicated in the increasing trend of resistant pathogens in both human and animal populations.

**The increase in incidences of antimicrobial resistance has led to the ban on the use of veterinary products with more than two antimicrobials for food producing animals.**

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