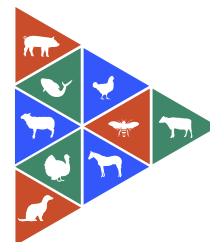


“Own Use” Importation of Drugs for Use in Farmed Animals



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What Is Changing and When?

What?

Animal owners are no longer able to import medically important antimicrobials (**MIAs**), and most other veterinary drugs, for use on their own animals. **What is an MIA? See Animal Owner FAASTsheet #3.**

When?

January 1st, 2018

Why Did This Change?

Traditionally, there has been limited oversight by regulators and veterinarians of medications imported by animal owners for use in their own animals.

Oversight is needed to ensure drugs are used appropriately and of good quality to reduce the risks posed to food safety, animal health, and the development of antimicrobial resistance.





What Should You Do Right Now?

You are no longer able to import MIAs and most other veterinary drugs from other countries, even if you only intend to use them on your own (farmed) animals. Farmed animals include cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, horses, fish, bees, and mink.

As of December 1st, 2018, animal owners need to purchase MIAs from a veterinarian, pharmacy, or feed mill (for medicated feeds only) within Canada. A prescription will also be required to obtain any MIAs.

See Animal Owner FAASTsheet #6.

List B includes certain, limited exceptions to this rule. These drugs can continue to be imported for own-use in food animals.

- An **application** can be submitted to include specific drugs on this list if they meet certain criteria.

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