

Draft Regulations

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Animal Health Protection Act
(chapter P-42)

Administering of certain medications — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the administering of certain medications, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation prohibits, with respect to certain categories of animals, the administering, for preventive purposes, of medications belonging to one of the classes of antimicrobials of the Category I: Very High Importance in human medicine the list of which is available on the Health Canada website. The draft Regulation also controls the administering of those medications for curative purposes.

Study of the matter shows little global economic impact. For productions whose animals or their products are intended for human consumption, the annual shortfall would be between \$430,000 and \$825,000. In addition, if antibiograms were necessary to justify the administration of antimicrobials of the Category I: Very High Importance, based on the performance of an antibiogram per year and per livestock, costs of \$520,000 would be added for all those productions. Lastly, it should be noted that the extra-label use of medications, which the study did not allow to document, cannot be excluded and could also have a financial impact.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the administering of certain medications

Animal Health Protection Act
(chapter P-42, s. 55.9, 1st par., subpars. 7 and 11)

1. The Regulation respecting the administering of certain medications (chapter P-42, r. 1) is amended by inserting the following after section 1:

“1.1. The administering, for curative purposes, of a medication belonging to one of the classes of antimicrobials of the Category I: Very High Importance to an animal intended or whose products are intended for human consumption is reserved exclusively to the cases in which it appears, in particular after an antibiogram, that the administering of a medication of a class other than the classes of that category will not allow treatment of the disease.

The term “classes of antimicrobials of the Category I: Very High Importance” refers to the classes published on the Health Canada website derived from the antimicrobial categorization based on the importance of those medications in human medicine.

1.2. The administering, for preventive purposes, of a medication belonging to one of the classes of antimicrobials of the Category I: Very High Importance to an animal intended or whose products are intended for human consumption is prohibited.

The prohibition provided for in the first paragraph does not apply in the case of an animal that does not show any signs of disease if that animal is part of a restricted group including sick animals that may, in accordance with section 1.1, be treated using a medication belonging to one of

the classes of antimicrobials of the Category I: Very High Importance and if there is a serious risk of propagation of the disease by reason of the proximity of the animals.

1.3. The administering of a medication belonging to one of the classes of antimicrobials of the Category I: Very High Importance to embryonated poultry eggs is prohibited.

1.4. Every person who contravenes the provisions of this Regulation is liable to the fine provided for in section 55.43 of the Animal Health Protection Act (chapter P-42).”.

2. This Regulation comes into force on the ninetieth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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