

(i) *Can the labeling provisions of paragraph (h) of this section be waived, and how can I apply for a waiver?* (1) The labeling provisions of paragraph (h) of this section may be waived if there is evidence to indicate that it is unlikely a new animal drug would be used in the manufacture of a liquid medicated feed.

(2) To obtain a waiver, you must submit a letter requesting a waiver to the Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation (HFV-100), Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855.

(3) The letter must include a copy of the product label; a description of the formulation; and information to establish that the physical, chemical, or other properties of the new animal drug are such that diversion to use in liquid medicated feed is unlikely.

(j) *What else do I need to know about the labeling provisions of paragraph (h) of this section?* The labeling provisions of paragraph (h) of this section may be implemented without prior approval as provided for in § 514.8(c)(3) of this chapter.

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§ 558.6 Veterinary feed directive drugs.

(a) What conditions must I meet if I am a veterinarian issuing a veterinary feed directive (VFD)?

(1) You must be appropriately licensed.

(2) You must issue a VFD only within the confines of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship (see definition at § 530.3(i) of this chapter).

(3) You must complete the VFD in writing and sign it or it will be invalid.

(4) You must include all of the following information in the VFD or it will be invalid:

(i) You and your client's name, address and telephone and, if the VFD is faxed, facsimile number.

(ii) Identification and number of animals to be treated/fed the medicated feed, including identification of the species of animals, and the location of the animals.

(iii) Date of treatment, and, if different, date of prescribing the VFD drug.

(iv) Approved or index listed indications for use.

(v) Name of the animal drug.

(vi) Level of animal drug in the feed, and the amount of feed required to treat the animals in paragraph (a)(4)(ii) of this section.

(vii) Feeding instructions with the withdrawal time.

(viii) Any special instructions and cautionary statements necessary for use of the drug in conformance with the approval.

(ix) Expiration date of the VFD.

(x) Number of refills (reorders) if necessary and permitted by the approval.

(xi) Your license number and the name of the State issuing the license.

(xii) The statement: "Extra-label use, (i.e., use of this VFD feed in a manner other than as provided for in the VFD drug approval) is strictly prohibited."

(xiii) Any other information required by the VFD drug approval regulation.

(5) You must produce the VFD in triplicate.

(6) You must issue a VFD only for the approved or indexed conditions and indications for use of the VFD drug.

(b) What must I do with the VFD if I am a veterinarian?

(1) You must give the original VFD to the feed distributor (directly or through the client).

(2) You must keep one copy of the VFD.

(3) You must give the client a copy of the VFD.

(4) You may send a VFD to the client or distributor by facsimile or other electronic means provided you assure that the distributor receives the original signed VFD within 5 working days of receipt of the facsimile or other electronic order.

(5) You may not transmit a VFD by telephone.

(c) What are the VFD recordkeeping requirements?

(1) The VFD feed distributor must keep the VFD original for 2 years from the date of issuance. The veterinarian and the client must keep their copies for the same period of time.

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(2) All involved parties must make the VFD available for inspection and copying by FDA.

(3) All involved parties (the VFD feed distributor, the veterinarian, and the client) must keep VFD's transmitted by facsimile or other electronic means for a period of 2 years from date of issuance.

(4) All involved parties must have a copy of the VFD before distribution of a VFD feed to the ultimate user.

(d) What are the notification requirements if I am a distributor of animal feed containing a VFD drug?

(1) You must notify FDA only once, by letter, that you intend to distribute animal feed containing a VFD drug.

(i) The notification letter must include the complete name and address of each business site from which distribution will occur.

(ii) A responsible person from your firm must sign and date the notification letter.

(iii) You must submit the notification letter to the Center for Veterinary Medicine, Division of Animal Feeds (HFV-220), 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, prior to beginning your first distribution.

(iv) You must notify the Center for Veterinary Medicine at the above address within 30 days of any change in name or business address.

(2) If you are a distributor who ships an animal feed containing a VFD drug to another consignee-distributor in the absence of a valid VFD, you must obtain an "acknowledgment letter," as defined in § 558.3(b)(11), from the consignee-distributor. The letter must include a statement affirming that the consignee-distributor has complied with "distributor notification" requirements of paragraph (d)(1) of this section.

(e) What are the additional record-keeping requirements if I am a distributor?

(1) You must keep records of receipt and distribution of all medicated animal feed containing a VFD drug.

(2) You must keep these records for 2 years from date of receipt and distribution.

(3) You must make records available for inspection and copying by FDA.

(f) What cautionary statements are required for VFD drugs and animal feeds containing VFD drugs? All labeling and advertising must prominently and conspicuously display the following cautionary statement: "Caution: Federal law limits this drug to use under the professional supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Animal feed bearing or containing this veterinary feed directive drug shall be fed to animals only by or upon a lawful veterinary feed directive issued by a licensed veterinarian in the course of the veterinarian's professional practice."

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§ 558.15 Antibiotic, nitrofurans, and sulfonamide drugs in the feed of animals.

(a) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs will propose to revoke currently approved subtherapeutic (increased rate of gain, disease prevention, etc.) uses in animal feed of antibiotic and sulfonamide drugs whether granted by approval of new animal drug applications, master files and/or antibiotic or food additive regulations, by no later than April 20, 1975, or the nitrofurans drugs by no later than September 5, 1975, unless data are submitted which resolve conclusively the issues concerning their safety to man and animals and their effectiveness under specific criteria established by the Food and Drug Administration based on the guidelines included in the report of the FDA task force on the use of antibiotics in animal feeds. All persons or firms previously marketing identical, related, or similar products except the nitrofurans drugs not the subject of an approved new animal drug application must submit a new animal drug application by July 19, 1973, or by December 4, 1973, in the case of nitrofurans drugs, if marketing is to continue during the interim. New animal drug entities with antibacterial activity not previously marketed, now pending approval or submitted for approval prior to, on, or following the effective date of this publication, shall satisfy such criteria prior to approval.

(b) Any person interested in developing data which will support retaining