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Circular POUL-1/2015 regarding the use of Antimicrobials (AM) on Poultry flocks destined for slaughter for human consumption and layers.

To: All warranted private veterinarians.

Results From routine tests on poultry samples by NVL according to C.R. 517/2011 and C.R. 200/2012 have revealed the presence of AM residues on several occasions. This indicates the use of AM in poultry flocks.

With this Circular we would like to inform you that:

1. As per article 2 (1) and (2) of *COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1177/2006* no antimicrobials are to be used in the control of Salmonellosis in Poultry.
2. As per article 2 (3) of the same regulation, Antimicrobials used in poultry shall be subject to supervision of, and reporting to the VRD. This use shall be based, wherever possible, on the results of bacteriological sampling and of susceptibility testing.
3. Use of live Salmonella vaccines within the framework of the National Control Programme shall be subject to the conditions details in Article 3 of the same regulation.

In view of the above, use of any Antimicrobials in registered poultry flocks must be notified to VRD using the dedicated space at page 12 of each batch of the herd book, which must be endorsed by the Veterinarian who has carried out the clinical examination; the diagnosis and relative prescription has to be sent by the farmer to the Poultry Section at the following email addresses within one day from the date of clinical examination and prescription:

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Failure to comply with the rules listed above will result in a warning letter, which, in case of repetitive infringement or malpractice, may be referred to the Veterinary Surgeons Council for investigation.

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