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To: All Veterinary Wholesale Dealers
All Veterinary Pharmacy Owners

Data Collection on Antimicrobial Agents Use

The European Surveillance of Veterinary Antimicrobial Consumption (ESVAC) project collects information on how antimicrobial medicines are used in animals across the European Union (EU). This type of information is essential to identify possible risk factors that could lead to the development and spread of antimicrobial resistance in animals.

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) started this project in April 2010, following a request from the European Commission to develop a harmonised approach for the collection and reporting of data on the use of antimicrobial agents in animals from EU and European Economic Area (EEA) Member States.

The Veterinary Medicines Section would like to inform all veterinary wholesale dealers and veterinary pharmacy owners that participation in this project is a priority for the Veterinary and Phytosanitary Regulation Division (VPRD). Scrutiny on the data provided will be intensified.

The Veterinary Medicines would like to remind you that prudent use of antimicrobials is a shared responsibility of all and it is essential that the element of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is always taken into account when antimicrobial agents are dispensed. Proper advice should always be given.

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