

Are the regulations around selling and dispensing prescription veterinary drugs changing?

No. The regulations are not changing.

What is changing?

The number of drugs which will require a prescription is changing. Any medically important antimicrobial (MIA) drug which is currently over-the-counter, will be added to Health Canada's prescription drug list (PDL), effective December 1, 2018. As such, a veterinary prescription will be required to access these drugs by animal owners/end users. It should be noted that selling and dispensing of prescription (Pr) drugs is different than for over-the-counter products. The intent of this fact sheet is to clarify the details around selling and dispensing of prescription (Pr) veterinary drugs.

Who is considered a commercial feed mill (CFM)?

A CFM is a facility which mixes and manufactures feed for commercial sale in accordance with the *Feeds Act and Regulations*.

Who is not a commercial feed mill (CFM)?

Examples include:

- An integrated production system, with its own feed mill/feed system
- On-farm feed mills manufacturing medicated feed for their own livestock

What is a DIN Drug Premix?

Drug premix is defined in the *Food and Drug Regulations* [C.01A.001] – it means a drug for veterinary use to which a drug identification number (DIN) has been assigned, where the directions on its label specify that it is to be mixed with feed... For clarity of this document, the term used is "**DIN drug premix**".

Where will producers be able to purchase their Pr DIN Drug Premixes if they manufacture their own medicated feed on farm?

Producers will only be able to purchase their Pr DIN Drug Premixes, to manufacture their own feed on farm, from veterinarians or pharmacists pursuant to a veterinary prescription (with the exception of Quebec).

Can a commercial feed mill (CFM) sell a Pr DIN Drug Premix?

A CFM can sell a Pr DIN Drug Premix to another CFM or wholesaler, a veterinarian or a pharmacist without a prescription. Only whole bags can be sold and facilities will need to demonstrate compliance with drug Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) (related to the storage, handling and distribution of products in accordance with the label). Commercial feed mills that are FeedAssure® certified would mostly meet this requirement due to the protocols related to medications and HACCP/GMP procedures in place for the program.

A CFM cannot sell a Pr DIN Drug Premix to a producer or on-farm feed mill (except in Quebec where a permit scheme exists) or a retail facility, with or without a prescription.

Can a commercial feed mill sell any other formulations of veterinary Pr products other than Pr DIN drug premixes and Pr medicated feeds?

No. To be able to sell injectables, implants and water-soluble prescription drugs to veterinarians or pharmacists, you must be a wholesaler, comply with drug GMPs AND obtain a Drug Establishment License (DEL) from Health Canada. Even with a DEL, a commercial feed mill cannot sell these formulations of veterinary Pr drugs to producers (unless allowed by provincial regulations, such as in Quebec where a permit scheme exists).

Will retail outlets or livestock medicine outlets be able to sell prescription medicated feed?

No. Retail outlets or livestock medicine outlets cannot sell any Pr veterinary drugs. This means, they cannot sell Pr medicated feed, Pr DIN Drug Premixes, Pr water soluble drugs, Pr implants or Pr injectables.

