



**VETERINARY MUTUAL RECOGNITION
FACILITATION GROUP (VMRF)**

QUESTION FROM INDUSTRY

Use of Feedgrade Antibiotics in Veterinary Premises

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QUESTION

I would like to inquiry about the acceptability of feed grade antibiotics in veterinary medicated premixes. I have learnt that the issue was discussed at VMRF in September and October 2001. Did you reach to final decision?

ANSWER

There is no justification for the use of feedgrade material when material of pharmacopoeial grade as referenced in the European Pharmacopoeia should be used. The issue was discussed in the mutual recognition group (VMRFG) in 2000 and the agreement of the MS was not to accept new applications using this grade of material. The use of feedgrade material is being phased out in the Member States where it was allowed originally. No new applications with feedgrade material are now accepted.