

VFD QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

FOR VETERINARIANS

COUNTDOWN TO VFD

2017

Changes to the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) regulation take effect January 1, 2017. Take action to be prepared for and be in compliance with these changes.

VFD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Whether obtaining a VFD via an electronic system or on paper, it is important to understand the different roles and responsibilities for veterinarians, producers and the feed mills.

VETERINARIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Helping clients understand need for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR)
- Being licensed in the state the animals reside
- Diagnosing the need and determining the VFD medication necessary
- Ensuring label indications are followed
- Issuing a written (nonverbal) VFD
- Providing a copy of the VFD order to the client (and feed distributor – mill or retailer – if filing electronically)
- Maintaining original VFD records for two years for each VFD

PRODUCERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Providing the best estimate for the number of animals and expectation of feed consumption
- Providing the VFD order to the feed distributor – mill or retailer (unless the veterinarians provided it to them)
- Maintaining a copy of each VFD order for two years
- Leaving adequate time for getting new VFDs from the veterinarian and for the feed mills to fill the order

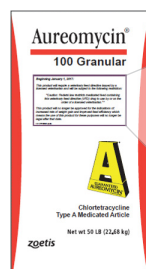
FEED DISTRIBUTORS – MILL OR RETAILERS – ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Ensuring the VFD is filled out correctly, compliant with feed labels and the amount of feed requested is reasonable
- Filling the order
- Maintaining a copy of each VFD order for two years

UNDERSTAND THE TRANSITION LABELS

Transition labeling will begin to appear during 2016 on all feed containing medically important antibiotics that will require a VFD beginning Jan. 1, 2017. Products requiring a VFD but distributed prior to receiving a transition label can still be used after Jan. 1, 2017.

Final labeling will be implemented after Jan. 1, 2017, to state that this product will require a VFD and that use in an extra-label manner is not permitted.



Transition label example.

Beginning January 1, 2017:

This product will require a veterinary feed directive issued by a licensed veterinarian and will be subject to the following restriction:

*"Caution: Federal law restricts medicated feed containing this veterinary feed directive (VFD) drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian."**

This product will no longer be approved for the indication of: increased rate of weight gain and improved feed efficiency which means the use of this product for these purposes will no longer be legal after that date.

*21 CFR 555.6 (a)(6)

ZOETIS PRODUCTS THAT WILL REQUIRE A VFD

A written VFD from a veterinarian is required before these products may be delivered and incorporated into feed.

PRODUCT**			
AUREOMYCIN®	●	●	●
CHLORMAX®	●	●	●
LINCOMIX®	●	●	
AUREOMIX® S 10/10	●		
AUREOMIX® S 40/40	●		
AUREO S 700®			●
RofenAid®		●	

**Ionophore, coccidiostat and bacitracin products will not require a VFD unless used in combination with medically important antibiotics.

OPTIONS FOR COMPLETING A VFD ORDER

ELECTRONIC VFD OR EVFD	• GlobalVetLINK: globalvetlink.com/products/feedlink • RxExpress: dvmrxexpress.com • VFD Management Tool from Zoetis for cattle products
PAPER FORMS	• PDFs of paper forms available on ZoetisUS.com/VFD

Have questions? We are here to help. Contact Zoetis Veterinary Medical Information Product Support (VMIPS) at 1-888-ZOETIS (963-8471) or submit a question online at ZoetisUS.com/VMIPS.

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Q WHEN IS A VFD REQUIRED?

A. A VFD is required when feeding an antibiotic considered medically important to human health to animals. Some medicated feeds contain antibiotics not medically important to human health, such as bacitracin, anticoccidials or ionophores; these feeds do not require a VFD.

Knowing when a VFD is required can get a little confusing when dealing with Type A medicated articles or Type B or C medicated feeds.

TYPE A MEDICATED ARTICLE	A VFD is not required to purchase a Type A medicated article as it is not feed. Once diluted and mixed with other feed, a VFD is required in order to feed to animals.
TYPE B MEDICATED FEED	A VFD is required to purchase and to mix into final Type C medicated feed.
TYPE C MEDICATED FEED (THIS COULD BE TOP DRESS, COMPLETE FEED OR FREE CHOICE)	A VFD is required as this is the final feed that the animals will consume.

Q WHAT IS THE FIRST THING I NEED TO DO TO ENSURE I AM PREPARED AND COMPLIANT?

A. It is important to document everything. Have standard operating procedures (SOPs) in writing for the steps you take to comply with Guidance for Industry 213/VFD regulations, as well as doing business with a producer on diagnosing a condition in order to authorize a VFD. This will be clear to your clients as well as inspectors if you are ever under investigation regarding a VFD.

Q WHAT SHOULD I DO TO ENSURE I HAVE A VALID VCPR WITH MY CLIENTS?

A. To ensure you have a valid VCPR, it is best to get it in writing in a document or calendar schedule demonstrating the producer is on your list of veterinary visits and business. This will help ensure understanding of responsibilities and expectations between you and your client, as well as provide necessary documentation should an investigation happen.

Q WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO DO WITH MY CLIENTS TO PREPARE FOR JAN. 1, 2017?

A. After establishing a valid VCPR, take the time to review animal health protocols with the producer/animal owner and become familiar with the feed medications your clients are currently using.

- Note which protocols and Type B or C medicated feeds contain an antibiotic medically important to human health which will require a VFD.
- Meet the producer/animal owner and nutritionist in order to talk about and decide how you will interact with both parties and include them in health and wellness discussions.
- Discuss the reasoning for the drug and the steps that need to be taken to get a VFD for that medication.
- Review the current rations and timing to ensure they match with the VFD label claims and address any discrepancies.