

Supporting Documentation for Scenario #1 – Veterinary Feed Directive

<http://www.fda.gov/animalveterinary/developmentapprovalprocess/ucm071807.htm>

The guidance states that uses for production, such as for growth promotion (improved rate of weight gain, ADG, etc.) or improving feed efficiency (F:G or G:F), are not considered judicious/responsible uses. Their use for treatment and control of disease is considered responsible. Use for prevention of disease is also considered responsible under the following circumstances:

1. evidence of efficacy
2. evidence that the use is consistent with accepted veterinary practice
3. evidence that the use is linked to a specific etiologic agent
4. evidence that the use is appropriately targeted
5. evidence that no reasonable alternatives for intervention exist

Of equal importance, Guidance #209 states that veterinary involvement in the decision-making process on the use of medically important antibiotics is essential to help assure responsible use.