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To VMD All Stakeholders

Dear Stakeholder,

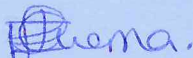
**RE: NON-PROPRIETARY FEED ADDITIVES AND PACKAGING OF POWDERS AND GRANULES FOR INJECTION.**

The Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) is a government agency established under the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act of 2011, and operationalized by the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals (Veterinary Medicines Directorate) Regulations of 2015. The Directorate is responsible for regulating the manufacture, importation, exportation, registration, distribution, prescription, and dispensing of veterinary medicines and other animal health products. The VMD expresses its sincere appreciation to all stakeholders who actively participated in the stakeholder meeting held on 7th February 2025.

The Directorate values the meaningful contributions made in addressing critical regulatory matters and wishes to communicate the following resolutions communicated and agreed upon during the discussions.

1. The registration of non-proprietary feed additives will no longer be required. The requirement for retention certificates or letters of no objection during importation has been waived. The Directorate has committed to compiling and publishing a comprehensive list of all non-proprietary feed additives and their sources on its website, with only applications for new manufacturers not in the published list being subject to evaluation and subsequent inclusion on the list. However, all other feed additives that do not fall under this exemption will still require registration. Additionally, the requirement for a veterinary surgeon for wholesale dealer applications remains.
2. We have reviewed the transition period for the change of the packaging of trypanocidal powders and granules for injection to two years, effective from 14th January 2025. These products will be packaged in vials accompanied by water for injection, replacing the traditional sachets. However, the products in the sachet should be accompanied by water for injection. We are committed to researching to assess any potential challenges associated with the proposed packaging transition before its full implementation as well as surveillance on product performance and all related formulations within the country before enforcing the packaging modifications.

3. The registration and use of colistin in animals was deliberated, however, it was deferred to allow for further consultation before the council can provide further directions on the use of the product in Kenya. Therefore, the retention of products with colistin will be done.



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