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Country report on the current situations of the use of antimicrobial agents as growth promoter

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Legislation related to the use of antimicrobial agents in feed as growth promoter

- Bhutan does not have concrete legislation on Animal Feeds
  - Inspection and certification of animal feed production, import etc
  - Restricts/prohibits use of Antibiotics in animal feeds
  - Considers rational use of Coccidiostats in animal feeds
Current situation

- Drug Regulatory Authority (DRA) and Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA) regulate and monitor use of drugs, hormones and steroids etc
- National Research and Dev. Centre for Animal Nutrition (NRDCAN) screen animal feeds through lab. Tests

- Sending samples to laboratories in India (example SGS lab., Gurgaon and TUV lab. Chenai)

- Limited resources (HR and financial) is a Challenge
Way forward

❖ Develop capacity of laboratories - human resource and facilities (equipment, trainings)

❖ Collaborate/ liaise with other laboratories in the region and beyond on technical development

❖ Share and adopt experiences of other laboratories in the region and beyond

❖ Get assistance from other laboratories in Asia, Europe and others

Thank you