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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

Name of the legislation

- Feed act 2033 and its regulation 2041
  Scope:
  - feed industry establishment
  - feed inspection
  - feed analysis
  - punishments against violation.

- Animal Health and livestock service act 2055 and its regulation
  - feed industry establishment.
  - inspection and certification for feed industry establishment.
  - Process of quarantine

  - Year - 2016
  - Restricting the use of antibiotics as growth promoter in animal feed and antibiotics use as feed supplements by prohibiting the import recommendation for such formulations.
**Current situation**

**How legislation is enforced**

➢ Import recommendation letter is not issued by DLS (Department of Livestock Services) for antibiotics and antibiotics mixed feed supplements.

➢ Not providing import recommendation of antibiotics for the use in animal feed industry.

➢ Authorized laboratory reports are requested and where doubtful, rechecked for the presence of commonly used antibiotics.

➢ Regular monitoring from the government level.

**Gaps in legislation**

➢ Current legislation only limited to restricting the antibiotics growth promotion (AGPs) by limiting import restriction in the name of feed supplements.

➢ Strict mechanism for testing compliance for zero antibiotic in animal feed and punishment for non-compliance is still in its preliminary phase.

➢ Animal feed act, rules and other documents do not properly regulate antibiotic use in animal feed at the moment.
Current situation

Use of antibiotics in feed as growth promoter

➢ Since 2016, zero antibiotics in animal feed as growth promoter.

Capacity (e.g., testing) and resources to control use

➢ National level Animal Feed and Livestock Quality management laboratory, Veterinary Standards and Drug Regulatory Laboratory, Department of Food technology and quality control are the regulatory bodies for testing the animal feed and recommending the government for further action.

➢ Quarantine offices and check posts
Future activities by the government and other in-country stakeholders related to control of antimicrobial use in feed for growth promotion.

- Awareness and talk programs related to control of antimicrobial use in feed for growth promotion.
- Research and development programs for alternative of antimicrobial in feed for growth promotion.
- Quality control in production of raw materials.
- Quality management in production of finished feed.
- National Standard for feed industries.
- Amendments of the existing laws to regulate the use of antibiotics in animal feed.
- Providing new directives for regulating the antibiotics in animal feed.
- Strengthening the technical capability of laboratories under DLS to test antibiotics using quantitative tools.