NEW-CALEDONIA

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

At the moment, there is no legislation related to the use of antimicrobial agents as growth promoters in animal feed in New-Caledonia.

There is a project of a general law about veterinary products which should be adopted this year which precise that such a use is forbidden for all antimicrobial agent.
Current situation

Even if there is no legislation at the moment, the use of antimicrobial agents in feed in general is supervised thanks to different aspects:

• There is no local manufacturing of medical products (for humans or animals) in New-Caledonia, so all are imported.

• Thanks to the customs’ regulation, all importation of veterinary antibiotics, and animal feed complemented with antibiotics have to be declared and needs a special authorization delivered by veterinary services to enter in the country;

• For any use of antimicrobial agents in general, a veterinary prescription is compulsory.

Thanks to these aspects, the veterinary services can confirm that there is no import of antibiotics used in feed as growth promoter or animal feed complemented with antimicrobial agents for such a use. The only antibiotics used in animal feed are oxytetracycline, chlortétracycline and colistin, for preventive and therapeutic use.

In practice, this use does not exist in New-Caledonia.
Way forward

Future activities linked to the control of antimicrobial use in feed for growth promotion and other relative practices:

- Adoption of the law about veterinary products and medicated feed with the ban of antimicrobial use in feed for growth promotion;
- Continue to monitor the import of antibiotics and medicated feed;
- When the law will be adopted, the veterinary services will be able to control the manufacture of feed, with inspections of the manufacturers and the breeders who do their own medicated feed;
- Strengthen the control of the veterinarians’ and breeders’ pharmacies;
- Veterinary services have also to work on a regulation about feed distribution which is plan for next years.
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