

CQA® Drug Use Policy

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Effective October 1, 2003, the first phase of the CQA® Drug Use Policy will be implemented.

The first phase of the policy requires that all drugs used on CQA® recognized farms in Canada must be licensed for food animal use in Canada. In addition, medications acquired through the “own-use” provision of the Food and Drugs Act may not be used on CQA® recognized farms.

The second phase of the CQA® Drug Use Policy will commence effective two years from the original date of implementation of the CQA® Drug Use Policy. Upon implementation of the second phase of the policy, all drug products used on CQA® recognized farms must bear a Canadian DIN (drug identification number).

The policy will at no time implement any restrictions on the access to medications through the Emergency Drug Release program.

It is illegal to use any medications in livestock feed other than those that have received approval by Health Canada.

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