

CQA® Drug Use Policy Interpretation

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Drugs licensed for use in food producing animals:

- Only those chemical compounds that have been through the approval process in Canada and have been approved for use in food producing animals may be used on CQA® recognized farms
- Active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) may be used if they are compounds that have been through the approval process and have been approved for use in food producing animals
- Products approved for use in food producing animals other than swine may be used with written directions and a recommended withdrawal time from a veterinarian (extra-label use)

Own-Use Provision

- Products obtained through the own-use provision may not be used on CQA® recognized farms. These are products that have been purchased from outside of Canada for use on your own farm.

Emergency Drug Release

- An emergency drug release allows a veterinary practitioner to obtain a limited quantity of a new drug that is not yet available in Canada and that the practitioner has requested for treatment of an animal under his care
- An application for an emergency drug release must be made in order to use the product in question
- Use of an emergency drug release is not restricted under this policy

Feed Medications

- It is illegal to use any medication in livestock feed that has not been approved for use in Canada. These products will all bear a DIN and will appear in the Medicated Ingredients Brochure.

Phase 2 of the Policy

- Phase 2 of the Policy will come into effect 2 years from the initial date of implementation
- Phase 2 will require that all products used on CQA® recognized farms have been approved for use in food producing animals and carry a DIN (drug identification number). DIN products have been approved by Health Canada's Veterinary Drug Directorate.