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| Source | Federal Law | California Law |
|----------------|--|---|
| Drugs | Medically Important Antimicrobials | Same |
| Formulations | In feed and water | All (injectable, intra-mammary, feed, water, etc) |
| New Systems | Feed: VFD w/VCPR Water: Rx w/VCPR | Rx or VFD w/VCPR |
| Indications | Treatment, control and prevention | Same |
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| Effective Date | Jan 1, 2017 | Jan 1, 2018 |

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