



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

September 13, 2018

Dear Restricted Livestock Drug Licensed Retailer,

On August 16, 2018, the California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Antimicrobial Use and Stewardship program published final regulations with the Secretary of State's Office clarifying retailer requirements to sell restricted livestock drugs, including California prescription drugs. A copy of the final regulations has been included for your reference.

Certain antimicrobial restricted livestock drugs changed status on January 1, 2018 to require a prescription for purchase and use in California. Pursuant to the new regulations, these products are now defined as California prescription drugs. To sell California prescription drugs, you must be:

- Licensed by the California Board of Pharmacy, or
- Licensed by CDFA as a Restricted Livestock Drug (RLD) Retailer and adhere to additional requirements.

These additional requirements for selling California prescription drugs as a CDFA Restricted Livestock Drug Licensed Retailer include employing or contracting with a pharmacist, employing at least one qualified individual, and enhanced recordkeeping. The attached documents include additional information regarding these requirements. CDFA will provide further guidance in the coming weeks.

Information about these changes is available on the Antimicrobial Use and Stewardship website <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/AUS/> and the Livestock Drug Program website <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/LivestockDrug.html>. For questions, please email aus_regulations@cdfa.ca.gov or call 916-900-5022.

Sincerely,

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