RESTRICTED LIVESTOCK DRUG RETAILER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

1. **What is a restricted livestock drug (RLD)?**
   California Food and Agricultural Code defines a restricted livestock drug (RLD) as any livestock drug sold in a form that could be used by humans or any livestock drug which, if improperly administered to livestock, is dangerous to the health of those livestock or to humans who consume products from those livestock (Division 7, Chapter 4, Section 14203). RLDs must be registered with CDFA to be sold in California and must have a product label indicating, "Restricted Drug (CA)-Use only as directed." Please note that drugs federally labeled as prescription-only are not considered RLDs.

2. **What are the requirements to sell RLDs?**
   California law requires retailers selling RLDs to be licensed by CDFA. According to existing law and regulation, a licensed RLD retailer is required to:
   - Apply for and annually renew their RLD retailer license.
   - Pay an annual license fee of $50 to CDFA.
   - Receive approval and license number from CDFA.
   - Maintain a record of each RLD sold for three (3) years.
   - Permit CDFA staff to enter and inspect any facility where RLDs are stored or sold.
   - Provide a copy of RLD sales records when requested by CDFA staff.

3. **Is a company required to obtain a separate RLD license for each location where RLDs are sold? Is a separate license required to sell RLDs online?**
   Yes, each location where RLDs are sold is required to obtain a separate RLD license from CDFA. This requirement also applies to online retailers that sell RLDs to customers in California. If a company sells RLDs online and has other locations, the company must obtain a separate RLD license for online sales.

4. **If I am out of state selling into California, do I need a license for selling RLDs?**
   Yes, any company selling RLDs into California will require a license. CDFA may require additional information in lieu of an onsite inspection.

5. **What information is required to be maintained in the record for each RLD sold?**
   A licensed RLD retailer is required to maintain a record of the following information for three (3) years for each RLD sold:
   - Purchaser name, address, phone number, and signature
   - Product name (drug or trade name)
   - Route of administration
   - Quantity and lot number
   - Date of sale
   - Intended species (recommended)
   - Purchaser email (recommended)

6. **What drugs are considered RLDs?**
   RLDs include:

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- Non-medically important antimicrobial drugs (Example: Monensin, Salinmycin, Tialmulin, Bacitracin, etc.)
- Coccidostats (Example: Amprolium, etc.)
- Certain wormers (Example: Livestock Ivermectin, Fenbandazole, etc.)
- Hormones (Example: Estradiol, Progesterone, etc.)
- Certain feed additives, known as Type A Medicated Articles (Example: Ractopamine Hydrochloride, etc.)

A complete list of products is available here:
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/pdfs/RLD_Only_List-no_MIADs.pdf

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