

# Veterinary Feed Directive Orders



VFD Order



- » A Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) order is a written statement issued by a licensed veterinarian that authorizes the use of a VFD drug(s) in or on an animal feed.
- » A VFD order can only be issued if the livestock producer and veterinarian have a current Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR) and may be valid for up to six months.
- » A VFD order is written to treat specified diseases for an approximate number of animals and their specific species and production class.
- » The Food and Agriculture Code (FAC) Section 14406 allows the California Department of Agriculture (CDFA) to collect VFD orders from livestock owners, veterinarians and/or feed distributors.

## » Livestock Producers' Options for Filling a VFD Order

### Fill Completely



Once a VFD order is filled, it cannot be refilled.\* A new VFD order must be written by the licensed veterinarian if additional treatment is needed.

### Fill Partially



A VFD order can be partially filled for various reasons. For example, a smaller number of animals need the VFD feed (Only allowable change to VFD).

### Not Filled



A VFD order may not be filled due to animals not needing the VFD medicated feed or the VFD expiring before being filled.

**The VFD order is valid for a maximum of six months (unless otherwise specified in the order) and/or until it has been completely filled.**

\*Receiving or picking up multiple deliveries of VFD medicated feed does not constitute a refill if it is within the allowed timeframe of the VFD order and within the allowed feeding duration specified on the VFD order.

# » Filling a VFD Order

A livestock producer can choose to get their VFD order filled from a feed manufacturer or a retail store that is on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [VFD Distributor Notification List](#)\*, in either bulk or bagged form. All facilities on the FDA VFD list in California are subject to inspection by CDFA including the collection of VFD order and sales information.

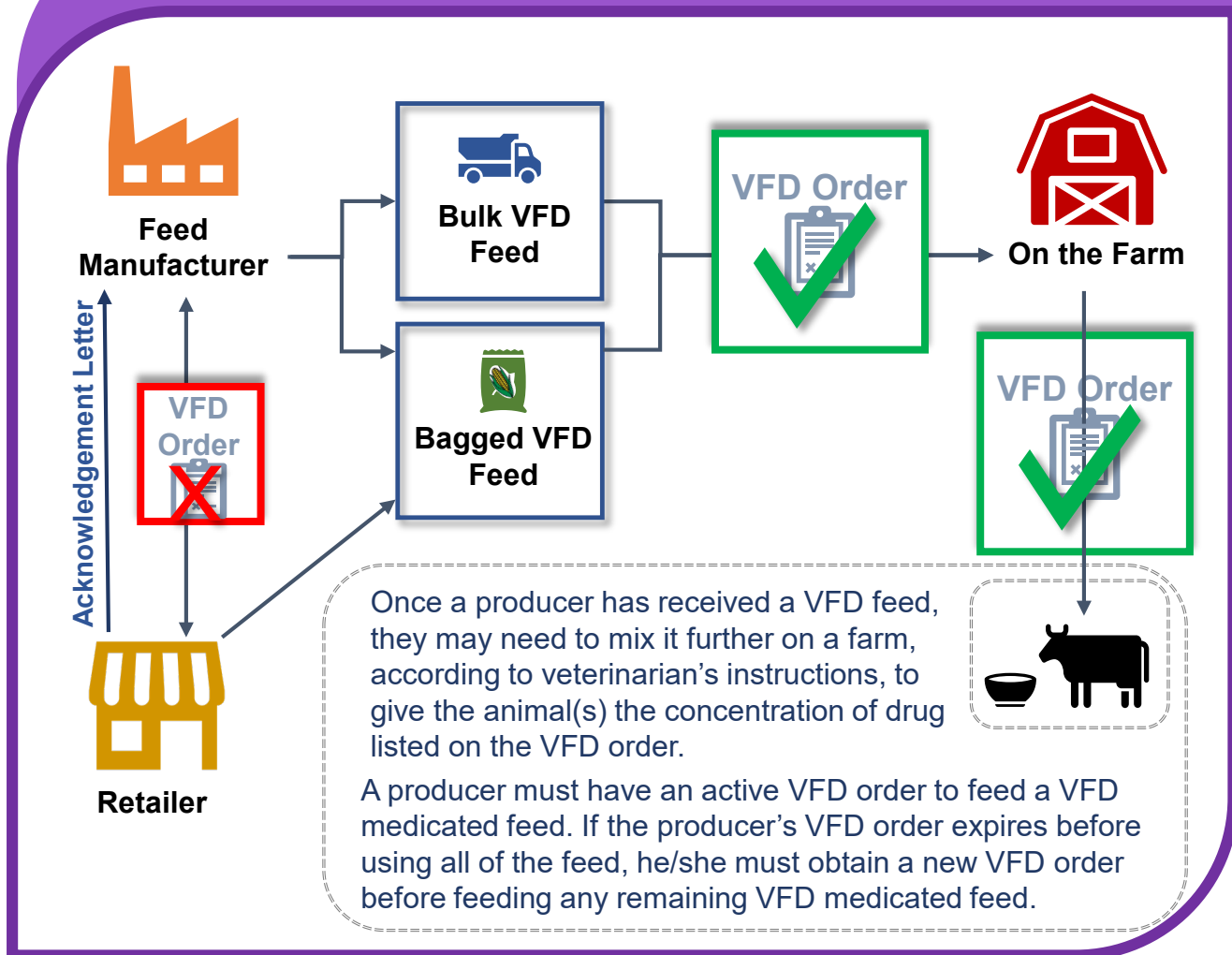
## LEGEND



No VFD Order needed



VFD Order Required



\*FDA VFD Distributor Notification List

<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/AnimalVeterinary/Products/AnimalFoodFeeds/MedicatedFeed/UCM096059.pdf>

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