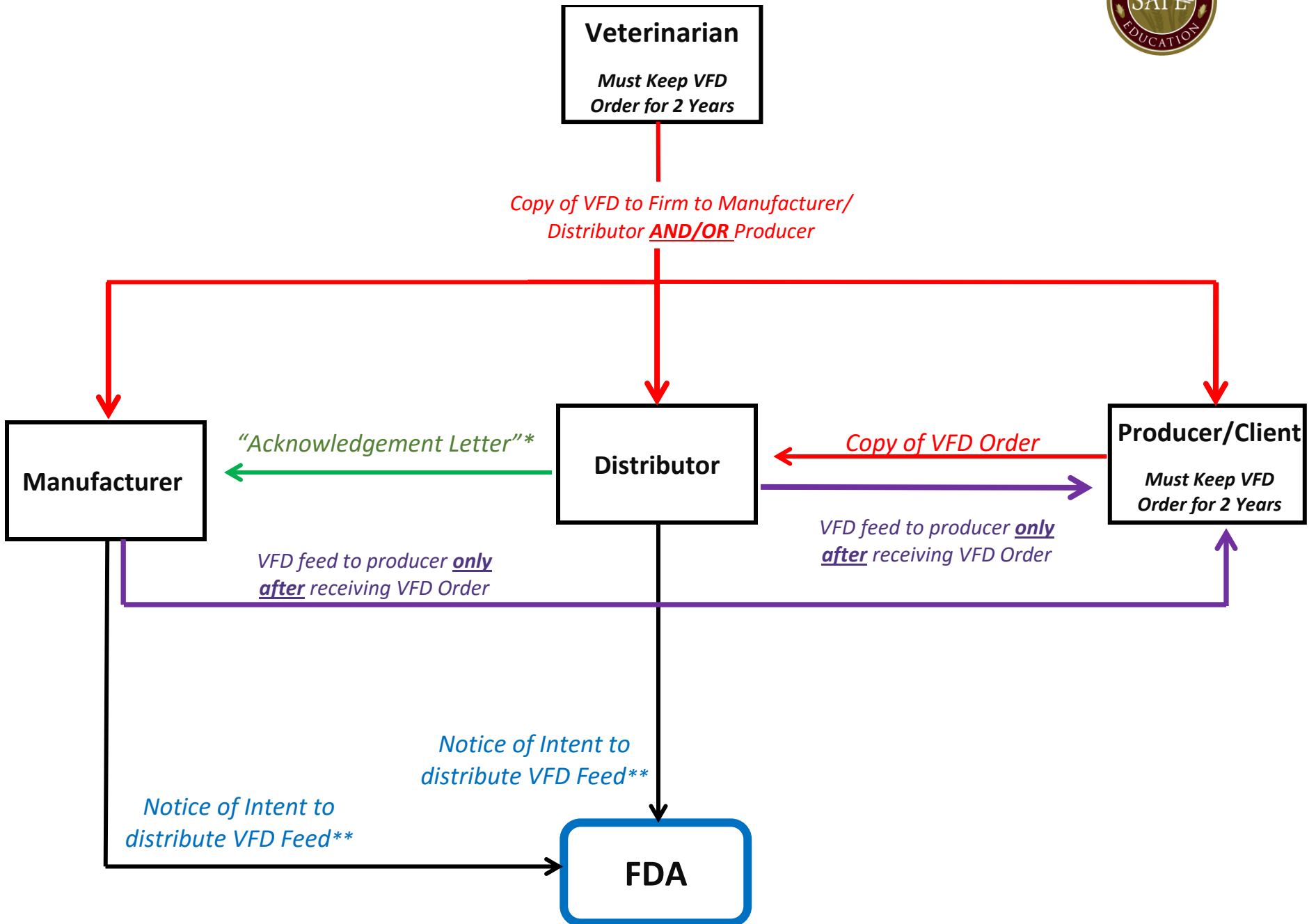


Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) Document Trail



The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has published a VFD Rule effective January 1, 2017. VFD Rule compliance requires specific documentation for veterinarians, manufacturers, and distributors.

The VFD can be issued electronically, by facsimile or as a hard copy to the producer and/or distributor or manufacturer.

**An “Acknowledgement Letter” must be submitted to the manufacturer of the VFD Feed from the distributor of the VFD Feed.*

The “Acknowledgement Letter”

An “acknowledgement letter” is a written (nonverbal) communication provided to you (consignor) from another distributor (consignee). Such letter, provided either in hardcopy or through electronic media, must affirm: (1) that the distributor will not ship such VFD feed to an animal production facility that does not have a VFD; (2) that the distributor will not ship such VFD feed to another distributor without receiving a similar written acknowledgment letter; and (3) that the distributor has complied with the distributor notification requirements. If you issue VFD feed only to a client under a VFD order, you will not need to have an acknowledgement letter.

***Notice of Intent to distribute VFD Feed is submitted one time only to the FDA.*

The “One-Time” Distributor Notification

It must include the following:

- The distributor's complete name and business address;
- The distributor's signature or the signature of the distributor's authorized agent; and
- The date the notification was signed.

The notification should be mailed to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Veterinary Medicine
Division of Animal Feeds (HFV-220)
7519 Standish Place
Rockville, MD 20855

or faxed to: 240-453-6882

All VFD Feed must be labeled with the following statement: “Caution: Federal law restricts medicated feed containing this veterinary feed directive (VFD) drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.”

This document was developed using information from the Food and Drug Administration’s website including Regulations, and Guidance Documents.