



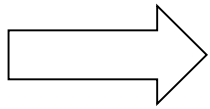
Update by the European Commission on the proposal for a regulation on veterinary medicinal products

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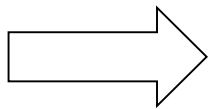
Revision of the veterinary medicines legislation

✓ Background

- Developed with the needs and characteristics of the veterinary sector in mind



Rules are diverging from the pharmaceutical legislation for medicinal products for human use



Bringing together veterinary medicines rules in one Regulation

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✓ Problems

- 1. Overall lack of authorised veterinary medicines in the Union** (particularly for minor species and minor uses) leading to:
 - Risks to animal health and welfare
 - Risks to public health
 - Economic consequences to farming
 - Legal implications for veterinarians
- 2. Antimicrobial resistance: a health threat**

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✓ Objectives

- Increase the availability of veterinary medicinal products
- Reduce administrative burden
- Stimulate competitiveness and innovation
- Improve the functioning of the internal market
- Address the public health risk of antimicrobial resistance

While safeguarding public and animal health and protection of the environment



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✓ State of play: European Parliament

- Françoise Grossetête, French EPP, is the rapporteur for Com ENVI (lead committee)
- Marit Paulsen, Swedish ALDE, is the rapporteur for Com AGRI (opinion giving committee)
- Finalisation of negotiations in Committees:
 - **COM AGRI adopted its opinion in July 2015**
 - **COM ENVI intends to adopt its report in February 2016**



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✓ State of play: Council

- Council meetings started in October 2014 under the IT Presidency
- The work continued under the LV Presidency
- Discussions continue under the LUX Presidency:
 - **All 150 articles have been clarified by the COM**
 - **Negotiations in Council working party will start in January 2016 under the NL Presidency**

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✓ **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)**

- Two opinions on the package (2 VET proposals + medicated feed) have been adopted at the plenary session of EESC on in January 2015.
- In the opinions EESC expressed its support for the Commission's proposals and welcomed the objective of the proposals to develop an updated and proportionate body of legislation for veterinary medicines and medicated feed.

Thank you!



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