



FACT SHEET: CHANGES TO OWN USE IMPORTATIONS (OUI) REGULATIONS

Who is making these changes?

The changes made to OUI regulations have come from Health Canada in an effort to provide better oversight of the drug use and sale of veterinary products in Canada, most importantly focusing on medically important antimicrobials. Health Canada is indicating that they are making these changes to protect human health.

What are the changes?

- As of November 13, 2017 any drug imported in to Canada for own use will require a permit from Health Canada.
- Permits for OUI's will take up to days upon submission of the application form to Health Canada.
- Equine's returning to Canada will be allowed to enter with medications that have been prescribed to them, in their originally packaging a, with the indicated amount remaining.

What qualifies a product to be accepted and added to List B?

- Products must have Canadian maximum residue limit (MRL). Currently, ivermectin is the only product that qualifies.
- Products must follow the following criteria:
 - In its final dosage form and in commercial packaging
 - Not a medicated premix
 - Not a medically important antimicrobial
 - Has an established MRL within Canada
 - Is approved by a recognized foreign regulator
 - Has similar directions for use as a product in Canada that is approved with a DIN
 - Has no unresolved safety issues

Why does this effect equine?

With no form of ID and no database for horses in Canada, they can't distinguish between a horse that is used as livestock and one that is a companion animal. Therefore, animals can't be distinguished as 'not qualifying for slaughter'. There are very few products that contain MRLs for horse products, and pharmaceutical companies have never been required to label horse products.



How is Equestrian Canada involved?

The Equestrian Canada (EC) Health and Welfare Committee has been (and will continue) working with Health Canada and the Veterinary Drug Directorate to include more products on List B. The Committee will also provide resources to horse farmers to help them understand and conform to the changes.

For more information on OUI regulation changes, visit www.equestrian.ca/industry/health.

Additional Resources: Antimicrobial Resistance

1. **Federal Action Plan:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/publications/drugs-health-products/federal-action-plan-antimicrobial-resistance-canada.html>
2. **Regulations Amending the *Food and Drugs Regulations* (Veterinary Drugs – Antimicrobial Resistance)** in Canada Gazette, Part II: <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2017/2017-05-17/html/sor-dors76-eng.php>
3. **Lists incorporated by reference (List A, List B, List C):** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/antibiotic-antimicrobial-resistance/animals/lists-incorporated-by-reference.html>
4. **Antimicrobial resistance and animals - Actions:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/antibiotic-antimicrobial-resistance/animals/actions.html>
5. **Notice to Stakeholders: Update on collaborative efforts to promote the prudent use of Medically-Important Antimicrobials (MIAs) in animals:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/veterinary-drugs/antimicrobial-resistance/notice-stakeholders-update-collaborative-efforts-promote-prudent-use-medically-important-antimicrobials-animals.html>
6. **Notice of Consultation - Prescription Drug List (PDL): Veterinary and Human Antimicrobials:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/drug-products/prescription-drug-list/notice-veterinary-antimicrobials.html>



7. **Notice to Stakeholders – Amended Food and Drug Regulations for Active Ingredients – Coming into force on November 8, 2013:**
<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/compliance-enforcement/information-health-product/drugs/amended-food-drug-regulations-active-ingredients-coming-into-force-november-8-2013.html>
8. **Personal importation of certain drugs for food-producing animals:**
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/antibiotic-antimicrobial-resistance/animals/personal-importation-certain-drugs-food-producing-animals.html>
9. **Interim Notification Pilot Program for Low-Risk Veterinary Health Products (LRVHP):** <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/veterinary-drugs/other-issues/interim-notification-pilot-program-low-risk-veterinary-health-products.html>
10. **Veterinary antimicrobial sales reporting:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/antibiotic-antimicrobial-resistance/animals/veterinary-antimicrobial-sales-reporting.html>
11. **Veterinary Health Products (VHPs):** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/antibiotic-antimicrobial-resistance/animals/veterinary-health-products.html>