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DID-YOU-KNOW VFD FACTS FOR DAIRY PRODUCERS

As of January 1, 2017, FDA regulations will require producers to procure a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) before administering medically important antibiotics. To understand what this means for your operation, check out these five need-to-know facts:

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What is a VFD?

The Animal Drug Availability Act (ADAA) of 1996 created a new regulatory category, known as veterinary feed directive (VFD) drugs. VFD drugs are medications intended for use in or on animal feed and are limited to use under the professional supervision of a licensed veterinarian. A dairy producer can only offer feed containing a VFD drug based upon an order, called a veterinary feed directive (VFD), issued by a licensed veterinarian.

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Protection From Antibiotic Resistance

Recent regulatory changes aim to guard the use of medically important antibiotics – that is, antibiotics that are used for both human and animal health. Restricted use of these drugs aims to prevent antibiotic resistance of human and animal pathogens.

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Use for Production Purposes Now Prohibited

In 2017 and beyond, medically important antibiotics will no longer be approved for production purposes. Production purposes include growth promotion and feed efficiency. VFDs will need to be issued when these drugs are used for disease treatment, control and prevention.

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Procuring a VFD

If you plan on using a VFD drug, you must get a VFD from a licensed veterinarian based on a valid Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR). The VFD can be obtained in person, via fax and, in the case of e-VFDs, electronically. Phone-ins are not accepted.

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ClariFly® Larvicide is in the Clear

ClariFly® Larvicide feed-through products feature an active ingredient that controls flies in the manure of treated animals. ClariFly® Larvicide is often custom blended into medicated feeds that include VFD drugs such as Aureomycin, to control certain diseases. When VFDs for these medicated feeds are issued, veterinarians should recommend the inclusion of ClariFly® Larvicide in the “special instructions” section.

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