

Antibiotics Changing from Over the Counter (OTC) to Prescription (Rx)







In June 2021, the FDA announced that all medically important antibiotics currently available over the counter (OTC) will transition to prescription (Rx) status within the next two years (GFI 263). This change is part of a long-term plan to decrease antibiotic resistance by moving all medically important antibiotics under veterinary supervision.

The label changes must occur by June 11, 2023, but some products may become prescription before then as manufacturers proactively update their labels. Once the change is fully implemented, antibiotics can be

purchased through a veterinary clinic, veterinary pharmacy or distributor as long as a veterinarian provides a prescription to that supplier.

To prepare, farmers need a valid veterinary client patient relationship (VCPR). While it is not necessary for a veterinarian to personally examine every animal, the veterinarian must visit the farm and be aware of animal management before writing a prescription.

For advice on how to manage your herd through this transition, contact us. Our sales, veterinary and pharmacy teams are here to help.

Drug	Product Name	Sizes*	Dispensing Form	Indications**	Species	Animal Group
Cephapirin Benzathine	 Tomorrow	12 ct	Suspension	Mastitis treatment	Bovine	Dry dairy cows
		144 ct				
Cephapirin Sodium	 Today	12 ct 144 ct	Suspension	Mastitis treatment	Bovine	Lactating dairy cows
Lincomycin Hydrochloride	 LincoMed 300 Lincomycin 300	100 mL	Injectable	Arthritis & pneumonia treatment	Swine	>300 lbs
Oxytetracycline	 Bio Mycin 200	250 mL 500 mL	Injectable	Pneumonia, shipping fever, pink eye, foot rot, diphtheria, scours, wooden tongue, lepto, wound infections & acute metritis treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle, dairy cattle, calves & pre-ruminating (veal) calves
				Pneumonia, scours & lepto treatment	Swine	Swine
				Scours control	Swine	Suckling pigs
	 Duramycin 72-200	250 mL 500 mL	Injectable	Pneumonia, shipping fever, pink eye, foot rot, diphtheria, scours, wooden tongue, lepto, wound infections & acute metritis treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle, dairy cattle, calves & pre-ruminating (veal) calves
				Pneumonia, scours & lepto treatment	Swine	Swine
				Scours control	Swine	Suckling pigs
	 LA 200	100 mL 250 mL 500 mL	Injectable	Pneumonia, shipping fever, pink eye, foot rot, diphtheria, scours, wooden tongue, lepto, wound infections & acute metritis treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle, dairy cattle, calves & pre-ruminating (veal) calves
				Pneumonia, scours & lepto treatment	Swine	Swine
				Scours control	Swine	Suckling pigs
	 Noromycin 300 LA	100 mL 250 mL 500 mL	Injectable	Pneumonia, foot rot, pink eye, scours, diphtheria, wooden tongue, lepto, wound infection & acute metritis treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle, non-lactating dairy cattle, calves & pre-ruminating (veal) calves
				Pneumonia & scours treatment	Swine	Swine
				Scours control	Swine	Suckling pigs

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Oxytetracycline	 Oxy 500 Calf Bolus	25 ct 100 ct	Bolus	Pneumonia & scours treatment & control	Bovine	Beef & dairy calves
	 Oxytet 100	500 mL	Injectable	Pneumonia, foot rot, scours, diphtheria, wooden tongue, wound infections & acute metritis treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle, beef calves, non-lactating dairy cattle & dairy calves
Penicillin	 Penicillin	100 mL 250 mL 500 mL	Injectable	Pneumonia treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle, lactating & non-lactating dairy cattle & calves
				Pneumonia treatment	Sheep	Sheep
				Erysipelas treatment	Swine	Swine
				Strangles treatment	Equine	Equine
Penicillin G Procaine	 AlbaDry Plus	12 ct 144 ct	Suspension	Mastitis treatment	Bovine	Dry dairy cows
	 Go-Dry	12 ct	Suspension	Mastitis treatment	Bovine	Dry dairy cows
	 Masti-Clear	12 ct	Suspension	Mastitis treatment	Bovine	Lactating dairy cows
Penicillin G Procaine & Penicillin G Benzathine	 Dura-Pen Duo Pen Combi-Pen	100 mL 250 mL 500 mL	Injectable	Pneumonia, URI & black leg treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle
Spectinomycin	 Spectam Scour Halt SpectoGuard Scour-Chek	240 mL 1000 mL 1 gal	Liquid	Scours treatment & control	Swine	<4 weeks of age
Sulfadimethoxine	 Albon Bolus	5 g Calf, 50 ct 15 g Cow, 12 ct 15 g Cow, 50 ct	Bolus	Pneumonia, shipping fever, diphtheria & foot rot treatment	Bovine	Cattle
	 Sulfadimethoxine Injection 40%	250 mL	Injectable	Pneumonia, shipping fever, diphtheria & foot rot treatment	Bovine	Cattle
Sulfamethazine	 Sustain III Bolus	Calf, 25 ct Calf, 50 ct Cow, 50 ct Cow, 100 ct	Bolus	Pneumonia, scours & calf diphtheria treatment	Bovine	>1 month of age & not on an all-milk diet
Tylosin	 Tylan 50 Tylan 200	100 mL 250 mL 500 mL	Injectable	Pneumonia, shipping fever, diphtheria & metritis treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle & non-lactating dairy cattle
				Arthritis, pneumonia, erysipelas & dysentery treatment	Swine	Swine

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