

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 144 ct	Suspension	Mastitis treatment	Bovine	Dry dairy cows
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, leptospirosis, wound infections & acute metritis treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle, dairy cattle, calves & pre-ruminating (veal) calves
					Pneumonia, scours & leptospirosis 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, leptospirosis, wound infections & acute metritis treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle, dairy cattle, calves & pre-ruminating (veal) calves
					Pneumonia, scours & leptospirosis 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, leptospirosis, wound infections & acute metritis treatment	Bovine	Beef cattle, dairy cattle, calves & pre-ruminating (veal) calves
					Pneumonia, scours & leptospirosis 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, leptospirosis, 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
		Terramycin Scours Tablets	24 ct 100 ct	Tablet	Pneumonia, scours treatment, shipping fever, navel infection	Bovine, Sheep, Equine	Beef calves, dairy calves, sheep, foals
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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