



# AgVetLink

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## What's coming up

### ■ ACVM workshops

These workshops will cover changes to the process for applications in the data assessment area and in the review and evaluation area. Important for applicants and consultants alike. They will be held in Auckland (4 November), Christchurch (6 November) and Wellington (8 November). See the registration form in this issue of *AgVetLink*.

### ■ VICH

The second conference on international harmonisation of veterinary medicinal products will be held in Tokyo, Japan, from 9 - 11 October. See the website at <http://vich.eudra.org/> for registration information.

### ■ AVMAC

The next meeting is 21 November 2002.

### ■ ILG

The next meeting is 22 February 2003.

### ■ MRL discussion document

The next one will be coming out in early October. Keep an eye on the website for details of what is included.

### ■ Review of the Chemistry Standard

The Chemistry Standard will be split into three documents when it is next reviewed. The first part covering plant compounds is likely to be completed and out for comment by the end of October, with the veterinary medicines and vertebrate pest products ones following soon after. Sign up to the 'Notification of changes to the website' on the ACVM homepage to get e-mail advice of changes and updates.

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## Recent events

- **AVMAC meeting** was held in Wellington on 22 August. Members were given a presentation on the NZFSA draft strategy and an update on the timetable for the ACVM related legislation programme. Papers covering the approvals policy, the advertising policy, and the VPC process and conditions were also presented.
- **ILG meeting** was also held on 22 August, giving an opportunity for a number of organisations to share with the ACVM Group any issues and concerns facing their sectors.
- **The first Agcarm distributors meeting** was attended by Chris Boland and Debbie Morris, who took the opportunity to explain the changes that will impact on distributors with the implementation of the ACVM Act.
- **Updated DAS report forms** are now available on the website.

*AgVetLink* is produced at least six times annually by the New Zealand Food Safety Authority's Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Group. The newsletter is of special relevance to those interested or involved in all aspects of agricultural compounds and veterinary medicines. It contains regular updates on implementation of legislation, notifications, new standards and policies, consultation, international agreements, and other information.

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## ACVM Amendment Bill

The NZFSA is working through the submissions received on the discussion paper *Proposed Amendments to the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (ACVM) Act 1997*, which was released in April (by MAF). We will use the submissions received to help us develop the policy for the Amendment Bill.

As with the submissions received on previous discussion papers on the ACVM Act, the summary of submissions will be accompanied by our response to those submissions. The NZFSA is hoping to send out this document to submitters before the end of the year. It will also be available on the NZFSA website.

The proposals that require the most policy development are:

- the purpose of the Act (the proposal to add risks to food safety),
- provisions within the Act for data protection,
- cost recovery and penalties, and
- efficacy.

Staff may need to contact submitters on an individual basis to discuss points made in their submissions.

Once the NZFSA has finalised its policy on the required ACVM amendments, it will need to get policy approval from Cabinet to proceed with the proposed amendments. If the necessary approvals are gained, the Bill will then be drafted and introduced into Parliament.

At this stage, the NZFSA is hopeful that the Bill will be introduced by the middle of next year. After the Bill has had its first reading it will be sent to a Select Committee. The Select Committee will call for submissions on the Bill and will be required to report back to Parliament within six months.

### AMENDMENT TO ACVM REGULATIONS

*The amendment to the ACVM Regulations (additions to the list of exemptions and to the GRAS list) was delayed because of the general election. Now that the new Government has been formed and the Cabinet is meeting, the amendment can be progressed. Allowing for departmental consultation and drafting, we expect the amendment to the Regulations to be passed in November.*

### Information waivers

**The ACVM Group has finalised the information waiver process. Information waivers are required where applicants believe that they can meet the requirements of the standards and guidelines by alternative means, and should be done in advance of the application. In most cases a reasonable technical argument or data are required in support of an information waiver request. Information waivers are charged on the ACVM Group hourly rate.**

Details of the process can be found on our website at <http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/subject/registration/information-waivers.htm>

## Publishing label content

In the June 2002 issue of *AgVetLink*, a draft policy on publishing label content on the ACVM Group's website was advised, and registrants were invited to provide any comments or concerns. As none were received, the policy is now effective.

When a product is approved for registration under the ACVM Act, applicants will be requested to forward an electronic copy of the label content to the ACVM Group. Our preference for the format of the label is either as an MSWord or a .pdf version. (We believe that one of these versions should be available from your printer.)

When the product is registered, the label content will be published on our website (the public register). This will be done in much the same way as the National Registration Authority in Australia publishes labels on their website.

Should applicants wish to defer publishing, e.g. for marketing reasons, they must notify their intentions when they receive the approval notification and advise a timeframe. **NB: Six months from the date of registration will be the maximum period of deferral.**

**Please inform Gill Wilson of any change to your contact details.  
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## Generally Recognised As Safe (GRAS) registers

The Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (ACVM) Group uses GRAS lists to prevent unnecessary reassessment of substances that are generally recognised as safe when they are included in a trade name product used to manage plants or animals. This allows substances that are known to pose a risk to human or animal health, and those where there is insufficient information to conclude that they are safe, to be the focus of our regulatory assessments.

Currently there are three GRAS registers maintained by the ACVM Group. The GRAS Substances for Oral Nutritional Compounds and the GRAS Substances for Plant Compounds registers make up Schedule 7 of the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2001, and identify substances that may be used without affecting a product's exemption from registration status.

The Veterinary Medicines Other than Oral Nutritional Compounds GRAS register is not included in the Regulations but is dealt with administratively by the ACVM Group. The purpose of this register is to confirm to both regulators and applicants that a substance may be included in a particular trade name product and does not require repeated, in-depth assessment.

The process of modifying the GRAS registers, either adding or deleting a substance, or modifying an existing entry, requires consultation with experts and the public. In addition, the Regulations require updating, which is a slow process that can be interrupted by other government priorities.

An updated version of the GRAS list is now available on the ACVM website ([www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/register-lists/gras/](http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/register-lists/gras/)). This version includes substances already in the existing Regulations and those that are in the process of being added. (It is a searchable list but people need to be aware that the Regulations themselves – also accessible on the website – are the definitive document.) These substances have passed through the public consultation stage of the application process and may be used in the formulation of products, despite not appearing in the Regulations at present. When the Regulations are next updated, the substances will be added.

All substances included in the registers must be used in accordance with the conditions applicable to GRAS substances. Where a product contains only GRAS substances, it may still require assessment depending on the characteristics of the product. A substance declared as GRAS by the ACVM Group when included in agricultural compounds cannot necessarily be considered GRAS when used for other purposes. These substances may pose risks that are managed under New Zealand legislation other than the ACVM Act.

For further information on GRAS registers please see the ACVM website or contact:

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### Neutraceutical product classification status

A growing number of human and veterinary neutraceutical products are becoming available on the New Zealand market. The following substances commonly included in neutraceutical products have been associated with therapeutic actions and are not currently classified as oral nutritional compounds:

- green lipped mussel and its extract
- deer velvet
- shark cartilage and chondroitin sulphate
- glucosamine and glycosaminoglycans.

Consideration would be given to placing any or all of these substances on the Generally Recognised As Safe (GRAS) list if an application was made to the ACVM Group. Such an application would need to establish the levels in the diet consistent with non-therapeutic function.

If approved, products containing those substances at the specified levels as stated on the GRAS list would be given consideration as exempt oral nutritional compounds.

Currently products containing these substances require registration to be marketed or sold. Where product claims are limited to a nutritional context, and non-nutritional therapeutic claims including those for the treatment or control of arthritis, pain, joint damage and dysfunction or inflammation are not made, data requirements for registration will be significantly reduced.

## RULES FOR STATEMENTS

### Withholding period statement – no residue data

Historically, where applicants have provided no residue data in support of a withholding period, a statement such as ‘Do not use’ or ‘Not for use’ has been included on the label to counter the lack of an assessed withholding period.

This is most common in the case of veterinary medicines where only meat residue data has been provided, and a statement ‘Not for use in animals producing milk for human consumption’ appears on the product label instead of a milk withholding period. This effectively means that the product cannot be used for the productive lifetime of the milking animal and is an incorrect application of this statement.

The ACVM Group now requires that ‘Do not use’ and ‘Not for use’ statements are reserved for cases where a particular medicine is contraindicated for use in a certain species or class of animal for reasons other than a lack of data to set an assessed withholding period. ‘Not for use’ in bobby calf (pre-ruminant) statements that are currently in place are not affected by this decision.

The ACVM Group has adopted the following rule: Regulatory statements such as ‘Do not use’ must not be used in place of a label withholding period for any product bearing claims for use in animals that produce meat, milk or eggs for human consumption.

Where acceptable residue data or technical argument is not supplied to enable a withholding period to be set for each potential edible commodity, the relevant default withholding period must be stated on the label.

This rule will be enforced on all products at update or initial registration from 28 August 2002, and all products are expected to be compliant by 1 July 2004. Products that currently contain ‘Do not use’ statements or are completely silent on the issue of a withholding period for an edible tissue (this includes meat for horses, and milk for sheep and goats) must adopt the relevant default withholding period at update or provide data or technical argument for a reduced period.

Registrants are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that all the required information is included on product labels.

### Use period statements for multi-use vaccine vials

The *ACVM Standard and Guideline for Chemistry* requires that in-use stability for multi-use products be addressed. There has been a growing trend for registrants of multi-use vaccines to elect a statement in lieu of providing data that directs consumers to dispose of unused vaccine within a certain time period following broaching of the vial.

The ACVM Group recognises that for products that are likely to be used in entirety upon opening it is inappropriate to insist upon costly supportive trial data. However, it is also recognised that the ‘default’ statement applied in the absence of data should provide a conservative and concise indication of the period for which the product can be reasonably assumed to remain efficacious once opened.

It is proposed that the following statement be a mandatory label statement for all multi-use vaccines where no in-use stability data is or has been provided:

‘Unused vaccine must be discarded within 10 hours of opening’.

Ten hours has been selected as a suitable time that best approximates an average day’s work.

Where registrants wish to state a time period longer than the default, data must be supplied for assessment that is in compliance with the ACVM standard.

If you have any comments or concerns on this rule, please send them in writing by **31 October 2002** to:

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PO Box 2835, WELLINGTON  
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### Annual fees

**We apologise for the delay in getting the annual fee invoices out to companies this year. Companies by now should have received the invoice for all veterinary medicine and plant compound products registered under the ACVM Act.**

**In addition to this, a letter has been sent out to all companies that have pesticides registered under the Pesticides Act. This letter asks each company to indicate whether the product is likely to be an agricultural compound under the ACVM Act or remain solely as a pesticide under the Pesticides Act. Companies are required to return their product lists to the ACVM Group by 11 October 2002. Annual fee invoices for these products will be sent out in late October.**

**If you have any queries please contact:  
Sarah Smyth, Coordinator (Business Services)  
Phone: 04 463 2553 or e-mail: [sarah.smyth@nzfsa.govt.nz](mailto:sarah.smyth@nzfsa.govt.nz)**

## Ionophore product warning statements

The toxicity of the ionophore group is well recognised. However, it has not been dealt with well in the past with respect to the consistent application of appropriate warning statements on product labels.

In recognition of this and in the interests of ensuring consumers have the maximal amount of information to ensure the safe and efficacious use of these products, the ACVM Group has recently adopted the following rule:

All ionophore product labels must bear the following label statement (or similar):

‘Do not use in horses or dogs as fatal toxicosis may result. Ensure recommended doses are not exceeded. Care must be exercised when feeding concurrently with other antimicrobials’.

For individual ionophore types (e.g. monensin, lasolacid) the following applies:

Where the concurrent use of specific antimicrobials (e.g. tiamulin, erythromycin) or use in certain animal species (e.g. adult turkeys) are a known contra-indication for a particular ionophore type (e.g. monensin, lasolacid), it must be stated on the label of any product containing that type of ionophore.

This rule will be enforced on all ionophore products at update or initial registration from 28 August 2002, and all such products are expected to be compliant by 1 July 2004. Registrants are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that the correct statements are included on the product labels.

## Maximum residue limits

As we advised some time ago, with the introduction of the NZFSA the ACVM Group has taken over responsibility for setting MRLs under the Food Act 1981. To date we have made a number of changes in response to comments received in the past.

### Availability of the information

There is access to the New Zealand (Maximum Residue Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Mandatory Food Standard 1999 and all of the subsequent amendments at the following address: <http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/policy-law/food-standards/regulation-of-food-in-nz/index.htm>. We plan to prepare a regulation consolidating all of the amendments into a single list before the end of this year.

We have also added a section to the ACVM part of the website (at <http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/registers-lists/index.htm>) under ‘Registers and Lists’, which has a searchable list of current New Zealand MRLs. Please note that this should not be used as a definitive list; refer to the Regulation itself.

### Frequency of MRL setting

The latest amendment (number 7), which covers new MRLs for cefquinome, diphenylamine, marbo-floxacin and spinosad, and updates the MRLs for maleic hydrazide and phosphorous acid, has been signed by the Minister and gazetted. It will come into effect on 17 October 2002.

The ACVM Group is working with the NZFSA Policy team to get the next discussion document out in the first week of October 2002; it will cover any chemicals received to that date and consolidate these into a single list. Following that we will be looking at further discussion papers in mid December, March and June. Check the NZFSA website under ‘Policy & Law/Consultation’ for details of the discussion documents as they are released.

### General

Over the next 12 months or so, the ACVM Group will review the current MRL standard to make sure that the terminology used is consistent with Codex wherever possible, and we will be working with the Policy team on further streamlining the MRL setting process. The first batch of ‘updates’ (likely to be in December 2002) will cover veterinary medicine products in meat and milk.

## Veterinary medicines residues issues

The ACVM Group Programme Manager for Veterinary Medicine Residues, Mike Clear, has recently taken up a position with the Animal Products Group of the NZFSA. He will still be working with the ACVM Group on a part-time basis to provide continuity but will no longer be directly answering questions from industry regarding ACVM residue issues.

In future all residue queries should be directed in the first instance by e-mail to your key account Advisor or to Maree Zinzley, Programme Manager (Operations). All other queries relating to ACVM and registration issues should also be directed in this manner.

## Section 63(a) approvals

The Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (ACVM) Act 1997 repealed the Animal Remedies Act 1969 on 2 July 2001. Under the Animal Remedies Act, the Board was able to issue section 63A approvals to allow experimental animals into the appropriate part of the food chain. The ACVM Group, in granting a section 63A approval, also ensured that the requirements of the Animal Products Act 1999 (or the Meat Act which it replaced) or the Dairy Industry Act 1952 were met. Now that the Animal Remedies Act has been repealed, existing section 63(a) approvals may no longer be valid.

Any company with a section 63(a) approval should contact the ACVM Group as soon as possible so we can arrange for approvals under the ACVM Act, the Dairy Industry Act and the Animal Products Act. The ACVM Group is currently developing an alternative mechanism for this purpose.

### Animal Remedies Act extracts

**'Experimental animal'** means any animal kept and used for the purpose of testing, developing, or producing any

animal remedy or of experimenting with any such remedy; and includes the carcass or any part of the carcass of any such animal

### Section 18 Prohibition on manufacture or importation of animal remedies without licence

(1) Except as provided in section 3 of this Act, no person shall manufacture or import any animal remedy otherwise than under the authority of a licence for the time being in force under this Act and in accordance with any conditions subject to which the licence was issued:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the manufacture of any remedy by the independent contractor of a principal, notwithstanding that the independent contractor has not been issued a licence in respect of the remedy, if that principal is the holder of a licence to manufacture the remedy and the remedy is supplied only to such a principal:

Provided also that nothing in this section shall prohibit any person from manufacturing or importing any animal remedy, notwithstanding that a licence has not been issued in respect of it, if he ensures that the following conditions are complied with:

(a) The manufacture or importation is for the sole purpose of testing and developing the remedy or for carrying out experiments on or in respect of it:

- (b) The remedy is not sold to any person:
- (c) The remedy is not used on any animal except an experimental animal:
- (d) If the remedy is used on any experimental animal, the animal is not sold in contravention of section 63A of this Act.

### Section 63A Restrictions on sale of experimental animals

(1) Where any person maintains an experimental animal, he shall not sell that animal to any other person unless he has first obtained the approval of the Board.

(2) In giving approval for the sale of any such animal the Board may impose such reasonable conditions in respect of the sale or use, or both the sale and use, of the animal as may be necessary to safeguard human or animal health or both.

(3) Every person commits an offence, and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, who—

- (a) Wilfully sells any experimental animal in contravention of subsection (1) of this section; or
- (b) Without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with any conditions imposed under subsection (2) of this section; or
- (c) Knowingly uses or permits the use of any such animal as food for human or animal consumption in contravention of any condition imposed under the said subsection (2).

### ACVM List of Consultants

Gill Wilson is updating the list of consultants on the ACVM website. If you haven't already been contacted, please check to see that your contact details are correct and that the areas you consult in are all entered.

Contact Gill with any changes:  
gill.wilson@nzfsa.govt.nz

### ACVM Group's New Invoicing System

On 1 September 2002 the ACVM Group began using our own invoicing system, which enables us to raise, print and send out invoices on the same day. This will cut down waiting time and will ensure that your applications move through our systems quickly and efficiently.

If you have any queries, please contact:  
Sarah Smyth, Coordinator (Business Services)  
Phone: 04 463 2553 or e-mail: sarah.smyth@nzfsa.govt.nz

## VICH process

New Zealand and Australia have been active observer members of the VICH process (the International Co-operation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for the Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products) since it was formed in the mid 1990s.

The second VICH conference is taking place in Tokyo from 9 - 11 October. At that stage Debbie Morris, ACVM Group Director, will take over as the Government representative on the steering group for Australia and New Zealand. Brian Pidford (ACVM Group Programme Manager Verification) and John Reeve (Programme Manager Toxicology and Residues) have both been experts representing New Zealand and Australia on a number of the working groups.

Dr Bill Jolly, who is now the New Zealand veterinary counsellor in Brussels, has been invited to give one of the closing addresses to the conference on 'VICH – the way forward'.

The VICH process has delivered a number of harmonised guidelines that have already been endorsed by AVMAC

and are incorporated into the ACVM standards and guidelines wherever appropriate. All of these are available on the NZFSA website (<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/policy-law/vich/index.htm>), along with a more detailed explanation of the VICH membership and process.

### Step 4 consultation

The following VICH guidelines in development have reached step 4 – the step where they undergo consultation prior to being signed off and implemented. They are available on the website. Because Agcarm and ARPPA as industry groups are part of the VICH process, comments can be made through them or directly to the ACVM Group.

- *Pharmacovigilance of veterinary medicinal products: management of adverse event reports (AERs)*, VICH GL24 (Pharmacovigilance: AERs) June 2000  
For consultation at step 4
- *Pre-approval information for registration of new veterinary medicinal products for food producing animals with respect to antimicrobial resistance*,

GL27 (Antimicrobial resistance: pre-approval)

For a 6-month public consultation at step 4 - Draft 1

- *Studies to evaluate the safety of residues of veterinary drug in human food: carcinogenicity testing*, GL28 (Safety carcinogenicity testing)  
For a 6-month public consultation at step 4 - Draft 1
- *Pharmacovigilance of veterinary medicinal products: management of Periodic Summary Update Reports (PSUs)*, GL29 (Pharmacovigilance: PSUs)  
For a 6-month public consultation at step 4 - Draft 1
- *Pharmacovigilance of veterinary medicinal products: Controlled list of terms*, GL30 (Pharmacovigilance: controlled terms)  
For a 6-month public consultation at step 4 - Draft 1
- *Studies to evaluate the safety of residues of veterinary drugs in human food: Repeat dose toxicity testing*, VICH GL31 (Safety Repeat dose) April 2002  
For a 5-month public consultation at step 4 - Draft 1
- *Studies to evaluate the safety of residues of veterinary drugs in human food: Developmental toxicity testing*, VICH GL32 (Safety Developmental toxicity) April 2002  
For a 5-month public consultation at step 4 - Draft 1
- *Studies to evaluate the safety of veterinary drug residues in human food: General approach to testing*, VICH GL33 (Safety General Approach) April 2002  
For a 5-month public consultation at step 4 - Draft 1
- *Testing for the detection of Mycoplasma contamination*, VICH GL34 (Biologicals: Mycoplasma) April 2002  
For a 12-month public consultation at step 3 - Draft 1

## ACVM Group staff member resignation

Leonie Thomson, Advisor (Operations), has resigned from the ACVM Group to pursue opportunities in the United Kingdom.

Leonie was with the ACVM Group for more than three years and takes a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm with her. Leonie will be sorely missed for her bubbly personality and the special spark she brought to the Group.

Leonie will be replaced by Deborah Alexander, who previously held the position of Coordinator (Operations) for the ACVM Group. Deborah has been with the Group for 18 months and is looking forward to the challenges of her new position.

## WEBSITE

### The front door is open– Come visit!

The New Zealand Food Safety Authority has been in existence for two months and, like most organisations, our website is our front door. We like to think the door is open, inviting and friendly, and we hope you'll come visit us ([www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm](http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm)).



**Laurence Clear** has worked hard to develop and improve the ACVM part of the website. He has spent a considerable

amount of time making the ACVM web pages more user-friendly and useful.

Now visitors to the website can download documents they would otherwise have had to order. And while documents can still be ordered through publishers, most people prefer to get

them off the net. It's obviously more efficient, cheaper and saves time. *AgVetLink* is also posted on the website, and it has its own search function that enables users to find the information they want quickly.

A number of searchable lists include registered veterinary medicines and plant compounds, a list of registered pesticides as well as lists of maximum residue limits and licensed animal remedies. There is also a mailing list users can join to get the e-mail advice of when the information on the site is updated. That's a lot of lists and a lot of work.

The website has all that you would expect plus some added highlights that you probably haven't noticed – like the rotating picture on the front of the ACVM pages. It means that each time you visit you see a different picture, and it demonstrates the wide-ranging nature of the work done by the ACVM Group.

ACVM Director Debbie Morris says the website looks great and Laurence has accomplished his target of making it more user-friendly. 'Within a matter of days of the New Zealand Food Safety Authority becoming established we had a huge list of maximum residue limits on the website and were answering people's concerns and requests for information,' Debbie says. 'I think Laurence has done a wonderful job. It's a tool that we are only just scratching the surface of in terms of providing ease of access to information outside of our normal processes.'

Laurence says he has enjoyed working on the website. 'Parts of it are fun like any job. The website is a work in progress. It isn't a final thing, it's constantly updated and changing.' While we have had a lot of positive feedback, we would welcome comments on how to improve it for users. Comments can be e-mailed to [acvm@nzfsa.govt.nz](mailto:acvm@nzfsa.govt.nz)

### Standards update

The following standards have been updated and are available for comment on the website ([www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm](http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm)) under 'Discussion Documents':

- *New Zealand Labelling Guide for Veterinary Medicines Requiring Registration*
- *ACVM Registration Standard and Guideline for Therapeutic Equivalence of Trade Name Products* (replaces Bioequivalence Standard)
- *ACVM Registration Standard and Guideline for Determination of a Residue Withholding Period for Veterinary Medicines (A2, B1, B2, C4 and C8 applications)*

Please send comments on any of these documents to:

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Closing date for comments is **31 October 2002**.

Public comments on the *ACVM Standard for Good Manufacturing Practice* and the *ACVM Guideline for Good Manufacturing Practice* have been received and the two documents are being finalised. They will be available soon on the website or from Manor House Press (see enclosed order form).

### GRAS lists

The three GRAS (Generally Recognised As Safe) lists:

- For inclusion in oral nutritional compounds
- For inclusion in veterinary medicines
- For inclusion in plant compounds

are now available on the ACVM part of the website in a searchable format. The searchable lists include all of the products that have been through the approval process but which may not yet have been promulgated in the regulations. Where they are not yet promulgated, the ACVM Group will take the approval into account in class determinations or in evaluation of applications.