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Dear AgVetLink Subscriber,

In line with previous Animal Remedies Board recommendations, and in concert with the Ministry of Health, the first four mass medication antimicrobials (the fluoroquinolones, avoparcin, virginiamycin and avilamycin) were recently reviewed, and subjected to a process of categorisation. This process was described in the June 2000 issue of AgVetLink.

The reviews have been sent out to the affected licensees for their comments prior to being made public.

Comments have now been received, and most registrants have responded positively to the decisions. It should be noted that the categorisation process deals with antimicrobial actives at the group level, and that translation of this process to specific trade name products is ongoing.

Yours sincerely

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