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## **Draft veterinary medicines section of the Code**

The Professional Standards Committee and the Council have been working on the Veterinary Medicines section of the Code of Professional Conduct. We're proposing a number of significant changes, and we want to hear what you think.

The Professional Standards Committee (which includes representatives from VCNZ, NZVA, MPI, and a lay member from primary industry) has drafted an update to this section. Now we'd like to hear your views.

Global and national issues have influenced this review. We're aiming to more clearly articulate product stewardship, justified and appropriate use, and veterinary involvement.

Key areas we've updated include:

- a requirement to ensure an inventory of veterinary medicines is maintained
- a new section on antibiotics which includes a proposed ban on advertising antibiotics
- authorisation for future supply – shortening the period for authorisations for restricted veterinary medicines and critically important antibiotics
- the idea of a 'review consultation'
- revised explanatory notes on veterinary operating instructions
- a new section on documentation
- a requirement for a hard copy Controlled Drugs register with a minimum of monthly reconciliations
- a new section on multi-modal use.

