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Last chance to give feedback on the Veterinary Medicines section of the Code

Thanks to everyone who's already sent us feedback on the draft Veterinary Medicines section of the Code.

We've extended the deadline for feedback until **Tuesday 31 October** to give you more time to make submissions. We're proposing some significant changes, and we want to know what you think.

Many of the proposed changes reflect the tightening requirements around the use of antibiotics, and greater expectations of veterinarians about product stewardship, and justified and appropriate use in light of AMR. Another factor is the greater transparency and accountability required for market access for the food we export. There will be increased compliance requirements for veterinarians. We've also attempted to clarify the explanatory notes on the use of veterinary operating instructions.

Your feedback is important. This is your chance to have a say on the proposed changes before they become part of the Code. Once changes are made to the Code, all veterinarians must work to the new standards.

Next steps

Once we've got your feedback, the Professional Standards Committee and the Council will consider all submissions before the section is finalised.

The Professional Standards Committee includes representatives from VCNZ, NZVA, MPI, Federated Farmers, industry, and practising veterinarians.

We anticipate the new section will be signed off next February.

Then we'll hold roadshows to talk through how the changes can be practically applied. We'll be working with NZVA on this, and all veterinarians will be invited. We expect the roadshows to take place in May and June.

Read the [proposed revisions](#) and send comments and feedback to [Wayne Ricketts](#) by Tuesday 31 October.