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## The Therapeutic Substances (Supply of Antibiotics for Agricultural Purposes) Regulations, 1953

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The Minister of Health, the Secretary of State and the Minister of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, jointly, in exercise of their powers under section 2 of the Therapeutic Substances (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1953(**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with the Medical Research Council and the Agricultural Research Council, hereby make the following regulations:—

**1.** These regulations may be cited as the Therapeutic Substances (Supply of Antibiotics for Agricultural Purposes) Regulations, 1953, and shall come into operation on the first day of September, 1953.

**2.**—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the appropriate Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State or the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, as the case may be;

"approved" means approved by the Minister of Health, the Secretary of State or the Minister of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, as the case may be;

"aureomycin" has the same meaning as in the Aureomycin and Chloramphenicol Regulations, 1951(**b**);

"aureomycin supplement" means a mixture with an approved diluent of the residue from the process of extraction of aureomycin hydrochloride from the liquid medium in which *Streptomyces aureofaciens* has been grown, and includes any other dilute preparation of aureomycin, being a preparation prepared by an approved method;

"feeding stuffs containing antibiotics" means pig food or poultry food to which aureomycin supplement, penicillin supplement or penicillin has been added;

"penicillin" means procaine benzylpenicillin or such other form of penicillin as may be approved;

"penicillin supplement" means a dilution of penicillin in an approved diluent, for mixing with pig food or poultry food.

(2) References in these regulations to units of aureomycin or penicillin are to units thereof for the purposes of the Therapeutic Substances Regulations, 1952(**c**).

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**d**), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

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(**a**) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 32.
(**b**) S.I. 1951/919; 1951 II, p. 765.
(**c**) S.I. 1952/1937; 1952 III, p. 3420.
(**d**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

**3.** Subsection (1) of section 1 of the Penicillin Act, 1947, shall not apply to the sale or supply of feeding stuffs containing antibiotics, or of aureomycin supplement, or of penicillin supplement, which is sold or supplied in accordance with the conditions set out in the succeeding provisions of these regulations.

**4.**—(1) Aureomycin supplement and penicillin supplement shall not contain a greater quantity of aureomycin or penicillin than the equivalent of one part of aureomycin hydrochloride or procaine benzylpenicillin in 100 parts of supplement.

(2) Aureomycin supplement and penicillin supplement shall not be sold or supplied otherwise than in a container suitable for preserving the potency of the antibiotic content until the date specified under sub-paragraph (*d*) of this paragraph and bearing a label containing, in such manner as the appropriate Minister may require, the following particulars:—

(*a*) the name "aureomycin supplement" or "penicillin supplement", as the case may be;

(*b*) the nature of the diluent;

(*c*) the weight of the contents, the number of units of aureomycin or penicillin contained, and the quantity thereof contained, in terms of the equivalent of aureomycin hydrochloride or procaine benzylpenicillin, as the case may be;

(*d*) the date up to which the contents may be expected to contain the amount of aureomycin or penicillin specified under the last preceding sub-paragraph;

(*e*) such particulars, if any, with respect to the storage and use of the supplement as the appropriate Minister may in any particular case require.

**5.**—(1) Feeding stuffs containing antibiotics shall not contain a greater quantity of aureomycin or of penicillin than the equivalent of one part of aureomycin hydrochloride or procaine benzylpenicillin, as the case may be, in 10,000 parts of the feeding stuff.

(2) A container of feeding stuffs containing antibiotics shall have affixed thereto or inserted therein a label containing, in such manner as the appropriate Minister may require, such particulars as the appropriate Minister may require with respect to—

(*a*) the number of units of aureomycin or penicillin added per ton of the feeding stuff, and the quantity thereof so added, in terms of the equivalent of aureomycin hydrochloride or procaine benzylpenicillin, as the case may be;

(*b*) the storage and use of the feeding stuff.

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31st July, 1953.