

ESVAC

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Policy Context

- Medicated Feed legislation being reviewed
- Veterinary Directive being reviewed
- Staff Working Paper public consultation
- CVMP will commence a consultation in December
- Storm in The Netherlands
- Innovation being promoted – Europe 2020

Publication in JAC

- Publication of a paper in the Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (JAC) was not notified
- Data (mg/kg biomass slaughtered) without a context
 - Exports for slaughter
 - Number of treatments - oxytetracycline (30 mg/kg) versus doxacycline (10 mg/kg)
 - Mix of species (mainly cattle versus mainly pigs)
- We will seek the publication of a letter in the JAC pointing out the limitations of the data compared

Volume Data Goal?

- Data is very sensitive
 - It can be easily misinterpreted
- Despite the caveats, data has been misinterpreted & is seen as evidence for the need for "...at least a 50% use in reduction in The Netherlands..."
- Our Goal?
 - Ensuring high quality volume data is available that may be compared across time & countries

Stakeholder role in ESVAC?

- Provide high quality input based on experience
- Build stakeholder agreement on how to move towards the Goal
- Does it appear sensible to discuss the most effective way to communicate volume data?
- IFAH-Europe has stressed the value of placing data in context

Working on the Context

- Exports & imports can be accounted for
- Use therapeutic doses as opposed to raw volumes if comparing across countries?
- Need mechanism to account for differences between use in a 500kg steer versus an 80kg pig
 - Ratios could be agreed within ESVAC
- The publication of comparable data is beneficial
- Let's work on making it comparable!