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Meeting with stakeholders on monitoring sales of veterinary antimicrobials in Europe - Conclusions





Status project

- The ESVAC project is well defined and implementation ongoing.
- Pilot plan will last until the end of 2011.
- The standardised data collection form (template) is published on the EMA web page and already been applied by some MSs.



Status project

- An EU call for harmonised data for 2010 will be shortly launched.
- Historical data from the European countries already publishing data is under collection and will be published during 2011.
- EMA to prepare a Q&A document on collecting data.



Countries already collecting data

- Strong interest from Member States, in addition to the 10 European countries already publishing data other countries like Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Poland, Portugal and Spain are already starting to collect data.



New countries

- Belgium collecting data monthly from wholesalers using a web based application. The monthly collection of data is to be able to compare the data with resistance results.
Vet students are used to obtain field consumption data.
- Ireland has started to collect data from MAH for practical and legal reasons. Deadline for submission of data is 24 September. Some MAH raised specific issues about use of the template.
- Spain has already requested data from MAH with very positive feedback.



Confidentiality

- Confidentiality issues are a key question: data published at the EMA web page will not contain confidential information from stakeholders
- Some companies are not willing to provide detailed data on packages but only at active principle level -> need to clarify legal requirement.



Stakeholders – IFAH Europe

- The system of collecting data should be harmonised through Europe
- Biomass slaughtered used as denominator should be refined.
- Import export, potency of substances, and different use of AMs per species to be taken into account. Data to be placed in context.
- Import and export of animals (and antimicrobials) can be calculated.



Stakeholders – IFAH Europe

- Willingness to collaborate on comparable data.
- Therapeutic doses to be used.
- Appropriate indicators should be further developed.
- Goal 100% coverage, the data source is important. Do not duplicate or miss data due to sources.



Stakeholders - FVE

- Use of antimicrobials core part of the veterinary profession.
- Activities on antimicrobial resistance ongoing, including EPRUMA
- From defensive information to take the initiative
- Further information from field required.
- Complicated issue, no easy simple solution
- Communication is essential



Stakeholders – Wholesalers (GIRP)

Wholesalers are providing a big amount of data in a short period, this puts restrictions on their resources

Wholesalers should be considered when collecting data.



Others

- Need to monitor prescription patterns to obtain “*real data*”
- Cost of monitoring data on sales on the veterinary side to be considered
- Do not hide under lack of information, but do not take precipitated risk management measures



Others

- For certain antimicrobials balanced measures on use should be considered
- NL working putting together considerations on import/export, species etc..
- Farmers association to be invited as a stakeholders



Others

- Report of the meeting and slides to be published.
- Thanks to MS, stakeholders and to organiser

