

Summary of Terms of reference from the Commission

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Main aims of collecting data on usage of veterinary AM agents

Reference document: EMEA/507682/2008

- To obtain reliable data for
 - Input into risk profiling regarding AMR
 - Input into risk assessment regarding AMR
 - For setting risk management priorities regarding AMR
- As a basis for evaluation of control measures being implemented
- To assess the impact of measures taken in relation to prudent use
- To identify emerging use of veterinary AM agents, e.g. of specific classes of AM agents such as those identified by WHO as critical important for human medicine
- To aid comparison of usage of antibacterial drugs between time periods, countries etc

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- Requests the EMEA to take the lead in collecting data on the use of antimicrobial agents in animals
- Organize a working group meeting with MS where
 - The request, selected approach and progress can be presented
 - The MS can present their approach in monitoring the usage
 - Exchanges of views on the way forward may take place

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- In order to guarantee an integrated approach, the ECDC, the EFSA and the CRL
 - should be consulted and
 - the collected raw data should be available for them at their request for additional analysis.

Terms of reference

- To identify the existing data/surveillance systems established for collection of sales and use of antibacterial drugs in the Member States;
- To develop a harmonised approach for the collection and reporting of data
 - based on national sales figures
 - combined with estimations of usage in at least major groups of species (poultry, pigs, veal, other ruminants, pets and fish);

Terms of reference cont.

- To collect the data from Member States and manage the data base;
- To draft a summary annual report with the data from Member States
- Comparability with the sales/use of antimicrobials in humans should be ensured