

Below is a list of affected drugs that will come under the control of a licensed veterinarian via VFD and drugs that are not affected:

#### Affected Antibiotics

Avilamycin	Penicillin*
Chlortetracycline	Sulfadimethoxine
Florfenicol	Sulfamethazine
Hygromycin B	Tilmicosin
Lincomycin	Tylosin
Neomycin	Tylvalosin
Oxytetracycline	Virginiamycin

#### Unaffected Antibiotics

Bacitracin	Ionophores
Bambermycin	Tiamulin
Carbadox	

*\*No longer approved for use starting January 1, 2017*

Visit the FDA website to determine proprietary drug names that will be affected.

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For the most complete information and links to lists referenced, please visit [JBSUnited.com/VFD](http://JBSUnited.com/VFD)



## Receiving, Processing & Managing VFD Records

- **Only distribute a VFD feed once you have received, reviewed and approved the VFD.** The distributor is permitted to distribute a VFD feed, only if the VFD contains all the required information.
- **Each VFD contains an expiration date.** Do not distribute a VFD feed to the client after the expiration date without obtaining a new VFD.
- **Below are records that must be retained for 2 years:**
  - VFDs
  - Receipt and distribution records of VFD feeds
- **Records of manufacturing VFD Feeds must be kept for 1 year**
- **Acknowledgement of Distribution of Limitation records must be kept while distributing VFD Feeds to a consignee and two years after the last shipment date**

## Develop a Plan

- Train staff on VFD requirements and what drugs will require a VFD.
- Assign a VFD administrator at your location who will receive and maintain VFDs.
- Properly manage feed inventories to ensure products remain fresh and available.
- Develop a record-keeping system to maintain VFDs and related records.
- Regularly monitor your system for VFD compliance.

*Go to the FDA website to view the #120 Guidance for Industry to determine required information on a VFD.*  
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# Veterinary Feed Directive FOR Distributors



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# Introduction



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has published a new regulation that has changed the veterinary feed directive (VFD) process due to increased concern surrounding the use of antimicrobial drugs used in food producing animals. Changes to the regulation will help support the judicious use of antibiotics and limit antimicrobial resistance, for products used to treat human illness. The agency's effort will result in eliminating growth promotion use of medically important drugs in feed by January 1, 2017.

A veterinary feed directive (VFD) is a written (nonverbal) statement issued by a licensed veterinarian in the course of the veterinarian's professional practice that orders the use of a VFD drug or combination VFD drug in or on an animal feed. This written statement authorizes the client to obtain and use animal feed, bearing or containing a VFD drug or combination VFD drug, to treat the client's animals in compliance with the conditions for approved use.

## VFD Drug and VFD Combination Drug

A "VFD drug" is a drug intended for use in or on animal feed which is limited to use under the professional supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

A "combination VFD drug" is intended for use in or on animal feed under the professional supervision of a licensed veterinarian, and at least one of the animal drugs in the combination is a VFD drug.

## Who is a distributor?

Under the VFD regulation, a "distributor" means any person who distributes a medicated feed containing a VFD drug to another person.

### Acknowledgement of Distribution

#### Limitations for VFD Feeds

*If you distribute a VFD feed to another distributor you must receive a written one-time Acknowledgement of Distribution Limitations for VFD Feeds from the consignee.*

Go to the JBS United website to view example forms of the Notice to FDA of Distribution and Acknowledgement of Distribution Limitations: [JBSUnited.com/VFD](https://www.jbsunited.com/VFD)

## Notice to FDA of Distribution of VFD Feeds

*If you distribute an animal feed containing a VFD drug or a combination VFD drug you must:*

- Provide a one-time Notice to FDA of Distribution of VFD Feeds prior to distributing animal feed containing a VFD drug to another person.
- Notify the FDA within 30 days of any changes in ownership, business name and/or address.

### Notices should be sent to:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Veterinary Medicine  
Division of Animal Feeds (HFV-220)  
7519 Standish Place  
Rockville, MD 20855

or faxed to: 240-453-6882

Example of VFD distribution schematic indicating the VFD Feed Manufacturer distributed a VFD product to the Dealer/Toll Mill that serviced the Client/Recipient

