



IMPORTANT ADVICE FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

LPA NVD REQUIREMENTS

EFFECTIVE 1/1/2012 FOR RUSSIAN MARKET ACCESS

Detection of oxytetracycline or chlortetracycline residues in meat or offal in Russia will result in the meat processor, and potentially Australia, being banned from that market. Russia is Australia's fourth most important market.

To meet Russian market access requirements SAFEMEAT is implementing a 90 day Provisional Russian Export Slaughter Interval (ESI) for products and feed containing oxytetracycline or chlortetracycline – effective 1 January 2012.

Producers must now declare the status of their livestock against this ESI by correctly completing the LPA NVD.

MARKETING LIVESTOCK AS 'RUSSIAN ELIGIBLE'

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If you use products or feed containing oxytetracycline or chlortetracycline and comply with the 90 day Provisional Russian Export Slaughter Interval you must write the words '*Russian Eligible*' on the LPA NVD. Use Question 9 for cattle and Question 7 for sheep.

Where '*Russian Eligible*' is written on the LPA NVD it means that the livestock have not been injected with or ingested feed products containing oxytetracycline and chlortetracycline in the last 90 days.

OBSERVE 'BEST PRACTICE' DRUG ADMINISTRATION

If you use products containing oxytetracycline or chlortetracycline you must:

- Follow label instructions accurately,
- Administer the treatment in the upper neck region only, as per label instructions.

WHEN CAN'T LIVESTOCK BE MARKETED AS 'RUSSIAN ELIGIBLE'?

Do not write the words '*Russian Eligible*' on the LPA NVD if livestock have been injected or fed with products containing oxytetracycline and/or chlortetracycline in the last 90 days.

MORE INFORMATION?

Animal health treatments containing oxytetracycline or chlortetracycline are being assessed for lower slaughter intervals, and when available will be published on the SAFEMEAT website www.safemeat.com.au

For the latest updates, including a list of products containing oxytetracycline or chlortetracycline, go to www.safemeat.com.au or contact your veterinarian.