

QUICK REFERENCE - AUTHORIZED MEDICINE SALES REGULATION

(former Production Animal Medicine (PAM) Regulation)

The Authorized Medicine Sales (AMS) regulation facilitates the sale of certain veterinary medicines by persons other than veterinarians or pharmacists and provides for the licensing of retail outlets and wholesalers who sell veterinary medicines to retail outlets in Alberta.

June 2014 amendments included:

- 1) A system for licensing veterinary drug wholesalers that sell to retail outlets;
- 2) A retail outlet licence term is extended to five years from one year;
- 3) Record-keeping requirements are expanded with respect to the purchase and sale of medicine, including recording the Premises Identification (PID) number of the animal owner or comingling site operator. See section 18 of the regulation for details;
- 4) Duties for individuals who surrender their licence or whose licence has expired;
- 5) The manner of sale provisions with respect to retail outlets are expanded to include telephone and Internet sales, not including antibiotics;
- 6) Specifying that only non-prescription antibiotics are allowed for sale by licensed retail outlets; aligns with changes to the federal *Food and Drug Act* (Canada);
- 7) Clarification that only retail outlet licensees who also hold a federal hatchery permit can sell modified-live and live virus vaccines for poultry;
- 8) Requiring retail outlets to relay more product information to purchasers. In addition to any toxicity warning or precautions, including withdrawal times, retail outlets must now also relay the dosage, approved species, method of administration, and expiry date;
- 9) Penalties for contraventions of the regulation are re-established; and
- 10) Housekeeping items such as:
 - a. The terms “medicine” and “permitted medicine” were replaced with “authorized medicine”; and
 - b. The name of the regulation was changed (formerly the Production Animal Sales Regulation).