

# Restrictions on the use of substances having hormonal or thyrostatic action and beta-agonists in farm animals

The aim of these rules is to stop the illegal use in stock farming of substances that have a hormonal or thyrostatic action and beta-agonists, and to prevent the residues that these substances leave in meat and other foodstuffs from entering the human or animal food chain.

## A. You must not

1. give food producing animals restricted substances<sup>1</sup> (unless in line with any permitted exceptions);
2. have substances on your farm that contain beta-agonists to induce tocolysis in cows when calving;
3. have food producing animals on your farm to which a restricted substance has been administered (unless given in line with any permitted exceptions);
4. place on the market or send to slaughter for human consumption any animal to which a restricted substance has been administered (unless given in line with any permitted exceptions);
5. place on the market meat, or any other animal product, derived from an animal to which any restricted substance has been administered (unless given in line with any permitted exceptions).

## B. You must

1. observe the relevant withdrawal period if your food producing animals have been given any of the restricted substances in line with the permitted exceptions;
2. make veterinary medicinal records relating to restricted substances available to the competent authority, or anyone acting on behalf of the competent authority, on request.



### Further advice and guidance

The Product Information Database on the Veterinary Medicines Directorate website at [www.vmd.gov.uk](http://www.vmd.gov.uk) contains the most up to date information on medicines authorised for use in farm animals in the UK. The relevant database includes any relevant withdrawal periods.

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<sup>1</sup> 'Restricted substances' means thyrostatic substances, stilbenes, stilbene derivatives, their salts and esters, oestradiol 17 $\beta$  and its ester-like derivatives and substances having oestrogenic, androgenic or gestogenic action and beta-agonists.