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RE: Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulations 2024 - API

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue, TD, signed Statutory Instrument (SI) 462/2004 Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulations 2024 into law on September 12.

This SI is drafted in accordance with the Veterinary Medicinal Products, Medicated Feed and Fertilisers Regulation Act 2023 which provides the Minister with powers to make Regulations covered within EU Regulation 2019/6 that may be determined by national law. The SI aims to address antimicrobial and antiparasitic resistance by ensuring prudent use of Veterinary medicinal products.

These Regulations provide for the introduction of a mandatory electronic national veterinary prescription system (NVPS). The NVPS will provide greater oversight of veterinary medicinal products in line with our commitments under Article 57 of The Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/6).

As is normal practice, the Statutory Instrument takes effect under a commencement order. As dictated by commencement Order, the use of the NVPS will be mandatory from 13th January 2025. From this date all veterinary medicinal products (with the exception of antiparasitics) will be required to be prescribed and dispensed using the NVPS.

From 13th January 2025, all prescribing and dispensing of veterinary prescriptions for food producing animals and all horses, must be transmitted to the NVPS database. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all software companies that their NVPS integration solutions should be developed, tested and ready for implementation before this date as non-compliance with this data submission requirement will be an offence under this new legislation.

My Division is available to answer any queries and will endeavour to provide any and all assistance that they can. However, responsibility to have developed an integration solution with the NVPS ultimately rests with the software provider.



Additional information including the SI can be found at [S.I. No. 462/2024 - Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulations 2024 \(irishstatutebook.ie\)](#) and on the NVPS, can found at [gov - National Veterinary Prescription System \(www.gov.ie\)](#). Alternatively, questions can be emailed to NVPS@agriculture.gov.ie.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Garvan'.

Caroline Garvan,
Head of Division