

# **The Law**

## **NZ Legislation**

### **legislation**

- **Acts of Parliament**
- **Statutory Regulations**
- **Codes of Conduct**

### **Acts**

- **Animal Remedies Act 1967**
- **Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997**
- **Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996**
- **Biosecurity Act 1993**
- **Medicines Act 1981**
- **Misuse of Drugs Act 1975**

## **Animal Remedies Act**

- **definitions**
- **Animal Remedies Board**
- **registration**
- **classification**

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## **prescription animal remedies**

- **class 1 (PAR 1)**
  - given by a vet or under a vet's authority
- **class 2**
  - given by a vet or under a vet's direct control
- **class 3**
  - given by a vet

## **PAR1 antibiotics**

- **level 1 - no controls**
- **level 2 - as current PAR1**
- **level 3 - for serious infections after C&S**
- **level 4 - as L3 + notify NZFSA**
- **level 5 - banned in food animals**
- **level 6 - banned in all animals**

## **Animal Remedies Act**

- **does not cover**
  - implications for trade
  - deadlines for processing applications
  - prescriptions
  - storage & labelling
  - data sheets

## **ACVM Act**

- **manages risks to**
  - trade
  - animal welfare
  - agricultural security
- **domestic food standards**
- **consumer information**

## **ACVM Act**

- **definitions**
- **registration**
- **abolishes ARB**
- **human drugs?**
- **horses?**
- **chemicals?**

## **ACVM Act**

- **veterinary medicine**
  - “any substance used in the direct management of animals”

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## **ACVM Act**

- **registration**
- **risks to**
  - trade
  - animal welfare
  - agricultural security
- **efficacy???**

## **ACVM Act**

- **all drugs used in animals must be registered unless**
  - exempted under ACVM Regs
  - a s28 code of practice is followed
- **conditions can be applied to registration**
  - PARs
  - species

## **ACVM Act**

- **s28 codes of practice**
  - NZVA code of practice
    - human prescription drugs
  - prescription writing standard

## **ACVM Regs**

- **exempted with conditions**
  - human GSL drugs
  - shampoos, hoof treatments etc
  - drugs compounded by a vet for animals under his care
  - substances generally recognised as safe

## **ACVM Act - future?**

- **separate prescribing from dispensing**
- **allow prescribing over the phone without examining animal**
- **relax PAR classification**
  - standing orders

## **HSNO Act**

- **ERMA**
- **manages risk to**
  - environment
  - public health
- **definitions?**

## **HSNO Act**

- **new organisms**
  - genetically modified
  - exotic animals / plants
  - newly evolved pathogens???
- **hazardous substances**
  - anything which may be detrimental to human health

## **HSNO Act**

- **detailed regs listing hazardous substances and conditions**
  - active ingredients not trade name products
- **vet drugs are hazardous substances**
- **human drugs are exempt**

## **HSNO Amendment Bill**

- **sets thresholds**
  - above threshold - full approval process
  - below threshold - ACVM Group or Medsafe can approve

## **food standards**

- **ACVM Act? - NZFSA (MAF)**
- **HSNO Act? - MfE**
- **Medicines Act? - MoH**
- **Misuse of Drugs Act? - MoH**
- **Meat Act? - NZFSA**
- **Animal Products Act? - NZFSA**
- **Biosecurity Act - MAF Biosecurity**

## **Medicines Act**

- **as AR Act plus**
- **prescriptions, labels, containers etc**
- **data sheets**
  - now on the web
  - <http://www.medsafe.govt.nz>
- **classification**

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## **medicines classification**

- **prescription medicine**
- **restricted medicine**
- **pharmacy only medicine**
- **(general sales medicine)**

## **classification**

- **Medicine**
  - anything for administration to people for a therapeutic purpose (treating or preventing disease, diagnosing disease, contraception, inducing anaesthesia, altering the human body, interfering with physiological functions or cleaning contact lenses) or for pregnancy testing. Does not include animal remedies.



## **classification**

- **New medicine**

- any medicine which has not been generally available in NZ in the last five years.

## **classification**

- **Pharmacy only medicine**

- declared by regulation or notice that may only be sold in a pharmacy or hospital, or a licensed shop.

## **classification**

- **Prescription medicine**

- declared by regulation or notice that may only be sold pursuant to a prescription written by a practitioner or veterinary surgeon.

## **classification**

- **Restricted medicine**
  - declared by regulation or notice that may only be sold only by a pharmacist in a pharmacy or hospital.
- **(nb. drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 are not classified under this act.)**

## **Medicines Act**

- **s25 vets may procure drugs for named patients**
- **s29 anyone may sell a vet a drug for a named patient**

## **Medicines Act**

- **in both Europe and USA, veterinary & human medicines are regulated under the same law**
- **Oz - different laws in each state**
- **drugs not licensed in NZ are often licensed overseas**

## Misuse of Drugs Act

- **drugs of abuse**

- classification
- records
- storage
- prescriptions

class	drugs	restrictions
<b>A</b>	etorphine (heroin, cocaine, LSD etc)	controlled drug safe controlled drug register permission from MoH
<b>B1</b>	morphine	controlled drug safe controlled drug register
<b>B3</b>	alfentanil fentanyl pethidine methadone	controlled drug safe controlled drug register
<b>C2</b>	codeine	controlled drug safe
<b>C4</b>	buprenorphine pentobarbitone	controlled drug safe
<b>C5</b>	benzodiazepines phenobarbitone	locked cupboard recom- mended
<b>C6</b>	dilute solutions/forms	none
<b>C7</b>	carfentanil (designer drugs)	controlled drug safe controlled drug register
not controlled at pres- ent	ketamine butorphanol nalbuphine pentazocine ephedrine	locked cupboard

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CONTROLLED DRUGS REGISTER

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Name and Form of Drug

( One kind and one strength only to each page )

morphine 30mg/ml

Date	Name and address of person from whom received, or Name of patient, or Name and address of person supplied, or Qualification "Physical Marking"	Prescription or Order Number or time	In	Out	Balance	Name of Authority	Issued, Dispensed, or Administered by	Initials of Person Making Entry or Checking Balance
16/10/02	Pam Baxter's	order no. 1234	10		10		A. Scuffham	SPC
16/10/02	Dog Smith	123456		1	9	Baxter	Linda	SPC

animal's name

must be written out

case no.

number of ampoules used, not mg of morphine

actual number of ampoules left in safe - not how many there should be!

signature of person giving drug

signature of person checking balance

name of vet who authorised use

Misuse of Drugs Act

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## **cd prescriptions**

- **same as medicine prescriptions but**
  - no abbreviations
  - no repeats
  - must be hand written
- **only rarely necessary for class C drugs in vet practice**