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Responsible Use of Antibiotics on Red Tractor Dairy Farms

From the 1st June 2018 the Red Tractor Assurance Standards regarding Critically Important Antibiotics (C.I.As) has changed.

The whole farming industry is under increasing pressure concerning the “overuse” or “unnecessary” use of antibiotics. This is especially true with respect to those classed as Critically Important such as 3rd and 4th generation cephalosporins (Excenel and Naxcel) and fluroquinolones (Baytril, Marbocyl, Forcyl etc).

With the introduction of these new standards, we are now in a position where we can only dispense C.I.As as a **last resort** and under strict veterinary direction that is demonstrated by diagnostic testing.

We are delighted to report however, that many of you no longer consider using C.I.As and have found no detriment to animal health or speed of recovery from animal disease. To continue this responsible use, it is of utmost importance to ensure that we treat infections as soon as possible with the most effective course of treatment. We would therefore appreciate that if you have any doubts as to the appropriate treatment regime that you phone the surgery for advice before administering.

We enclose the highlights of the scheme changes for your information, but please do not hesitate to get in contact should you have any questions.

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