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Dear Ms Long

**AMENDMENTS TO UFAS COMPOUND FEED CODES OF PRACTICE 2004 AND UFAS
MERCHANTS CODES OF PRACTICE 2004**

Thank you for your letter of 26 June inviting the Society to comment on the above documents.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society is the professional and self-regulatory body for pharmacists in Great Britain. The Society's functions include: maintaining the register of pharmacists and pharmacies; regular inspection of pharmacies to monitor standards of practice and compliance with legal and professional requirements; accrediting undergraduate pharmacy degree courses; ensuring fitness to practise at the point of registration; promoting continuing education; producing clinical audit tools for pharmacy practice and tools to support uni- and multiprofessional clinical governance. The Society also produces a Code of Ethics containing standards governing the conduct and practice of pharmacists.

Amendments to the UFAS Merchants Codes of Practice 2004

Page 10, 1.14 Identification

We suggest the inclusion of an additional line –

UFAS Pharmacist – Certificate End Date dd/mm/yy

Also, if thought appropriate, add

UFAS Veterinarian - Certificate End Date dd/mm/yy

Page 16, 3.3.1 Principles

For clarity, the word “packaged” should be replaced with the words “being packaged”. The need to ensure correct labelling here is for the packager not the storer/supplier.

Page 31, 10.1.4 Documentation and records, Principles

Add “In the case of registered pharmacies, the audit by external inspectors will be carried out by the Animal Medicine Inspectorate arm of the RPSGB.

(This assumes a successful conclusion to our negotiations with AIC)

Page 33, 10.5.1.2 Storage

Start the sentence with the addition of

“Where the premises are used for the manufacture or packaging of animal feeding stuffs, ...”

Also, suggest the addition of “Where the product is stored only, no testing is required.”

The transport requirements in the document are correct for all large users and suppliers but for the small suppliers such as pharmacists or vets, it could be difficult to comply with small supplies along with other items supplied at the same time.

We trust the above comments are helpful and thank you for giving the Society the opportunity to comment on the documents.

Yours sincerely

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