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Modification of FCA documents BC-02 and AT-14

Initiatives are emerging both at national and at European level to reduce the use of medication, most notably on antibiotics on livestock farms.

Their goal is to limit the use of these products as much as possible in order not to stimulate the phenomenon of antimicrobial resistance. Here, the role of the livestock farm veterinarians and livestock farmers is essential.

It should be noted that antibiotics such as 'growth factors (additives)' have been prohibited in feed in the European Union for over 10 years. Yet even today, the animal feed sector continues to invest in more security and less medication in the food chain.

The producers of several countries have engaged in drastic limitation programs for cross-contamination between medicated feed (prescribed by veterinarians for animal care) and feed without medication. Examples include the Belgian convention between BEMEFA (sector) and AFSCA (authority) which was signed in 2013 and has recently been updated.

To support these efforts, OVOCOM has included the monitoring of the implementation of these programs in the requirements that need to be checked when a company wants to obtain or maintain an FCA certification.

This results in a modification of two existing documents:

- [BC-02: Production of animal feed or 'by-products for reprocessing': Complementary provisions](#)
- [AT-14 - Target values for medicated feed](#)

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