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Friona Industries is committed to the prudent and judicious use of FDA/CVM approved antibiotics when necessary to relieve pain and suffering in beef cattle. When used judiciously, antibiotics deemed by the FDA to be safe and efficacious are an integral part of maintaining healthy livestock by allowing us to treat and control disease processes in beef cattle. Further, Friona Industries is committed to using drugs in compliance with AMDUCA regulations and within FDA/CVM label guidelines that promote antibiotic stewardship. Our goal is to narrow our antibiotic use as much as possible under veterinary guidelines while maintaining the highest level of care and well-being of cattle, and to ensure that antibiotics are used responsibly to protect the health of animals and humans, as well as the safety of the food supply.

Friona Industries has and will continue to maintain compliance with Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) programs in its cattle operations. We are committed to such verified production beef quality systems, and view their presence essential in our businesses and the beef industry in general. For example, to maintain compliance with our BQA program, all injections should be given in front of the shoulder and suppliers should be familiar with all NCBA BQA guidelines for injectable animal health products, processing and treatment records and feed additives and medications. Because the delivery of antibiotics and other animal health products with darts is not a BQA approved method of injection we ask that our suppliers not use these devices to treat cattle destined for our feedyards.

Friona Industries continues to maintain its stance on avoidance of injection of any aminoglycoside antibiotics into its cattle. Scientific justification for such use is limited, and it is known that identifiable residues can result for an undetermined extended period of time. Included in this class of antibiotics are neomycin, gentamicin, amikacin, and streptomycin.

When products for cattle are compounded and not in compliance with A.M.D.U.C.A., CPG 608.400, and any other applicable state or federal laws, the products are adulterated, misbranded and unapproved. With these products, there is no scientific evidence to support their efficacy, safety for the treated animal, and residue avoidance. Therefore, they are prohibited. Therefore, it is the resolve of Friona Industries that with the exception of certain antidotes and large volume electrolyte products as stated in CPG 608.400, compounded products should not be used in cattle.

Keep in mind the current FDA ban on feeding of ruminant derived protein to cattle.

Please acknowledge your understanding of our request by signing below and faxing to us at (806) 374-3003.

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