

**INFORMATION PAPER**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD  
(ACMSF)**

**SALES OF ANTIMICROBIAL PRODUCTS USED AS VETERINARY  
MEDICINES OR GROWTH PROMOTERS IN THE UK FROM 1993-1998**

1. In its Report on Microbial Antibiotic Resistance in relation to food safety, the ACMSF commented on the difficulties encountered in discovering the amounts of antibiotics used in animals in the UK, the numbers and species of animals to which they were given, and the purpose of administration.
2. The Government recognised the need for better information on how antibiotics and other antimicrobial products are used by farmers. As a first step in addressing the problem, the Veterinary Medicines Directorate has been collating information on sales of antibiotics and other antimicrobial products used as veterinary medicines and as growth promoters.
3. The attached paper detailing sales during the period 1993-98 is provided for the information of Members.

**Secretariat  
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