

A Summary of the Medicines Recording Requirements for Keepers of Feed-Producing Animals

The Veterinary Medicine Regulations 2011 require the following to be kept by farmers:

- The owner or keeper of food-producing animals must keep the documentation relating to the acquisition of all veterinary medicinal products acquired for those animals for five years.
- When a veterinary medicinal product is bought or otherwise acquired for a food-producing animal the keeper must, at the time, record:
 - the name of the product and the batch number
 - the date of acquisition
 - the quantity acquired
 - the name and address of the supplier.
- At the time of administration the keeper must record:
 - the name of the product
 - the date of administration
 - the quantity administered
 - the withdrawal period
 - the identity of the animal(s) treated.
- If a veterinary surgeon administers a veterinary medicinal product they must record the above information relating to administration, the batch number and their name in the keeper's records, or provide this information to the keeper in writing and the keeper must then enter it in their records.
- If the keeper disposes of a veterinary medicine other than by treating an animal, they must record:
 - the date of disposal
 - the quantity of product involved
 - how and where they disposed of it.

The medicine records described above must be kept for five years. These records can be kept either on paper or as a computerised record. There is no specific format required. If kept on a computer the keeper must supply a printed copy if requested by an inspector.

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