



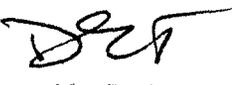
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MEMORANDUM

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From: Daniel E. Troy 
Chief Counsel

Subject: SEPARATION OF FUNCTIONS: Oxytetracycline and Neomycin
Fixed-Combination Type A Medicated Articles (Docket No. 03N-0324)

On August 8, 2003, the Center for Veterinary Medicine published a notice of opportunity for a hearing on the proposal to withdraw the approval of nine animal drug products and use combination, as part of its Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) program. On September 8, 2003, Pennfield Oil Co. requested a hearing on this matter for an oxytetracycline and neomycin fixed-combination Type A medicated article for use in animal feed, NADA 138-939.

Although FDA's regulations do not require separation of functions before the issuance of a notice of hearing on a proposed withdrawal of approval of a new animal drug application, it has been FDA's longstanding practice to apply separation of functions upon the agency's receipt of a request for a hearing. See, e.g., 46 FR 24694, 24696 (May 1, 1981). The Office of the Chief Counsel follows this practice.

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