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## Veterinary Feed Directive

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

On December 12, 2013, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a proposed rule to revise the veterinary feed directive (VFD) regulations in Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 558.6 (21 CFR 558.6), and introduce clarifying changes to the related definitions in 21 CFR 558.3. In June 2015 FDA published the final rule. Concurrently with the final rule, FDA published draft Guidance for Industry (GFI) #120 entitled “Veterinary Feed Directive Regulation Questions and Answers” to provide guidance on the final rule. FDA announced the availability of final GFI #120 (a small entity compliance guide) in September 2015.

A few of the comments in response to the proposed rule requested that FDA require a uniform veterinary feed directive (VFD) form. We declined this request because we thought that requiring a specific VFD form would be too prescriptive. However, we acknowledge that a common VFD format would help veterinarians, their clients (i.e., animal producers), and distributors (including feed mills) quickly identify relevant information on the VFD. Therefore, we are issuing this guidance to recommend a common VFD format. In this guidance, when we use the term “VFD,” we are referring to the form used to convey the VFD order.

FDA regulations at 21 CFR 514.1(b)(9) require that an animal drug sponsor who is seeking approval of a drug for use in or on feed as a VFD drug must submit copies of a VFD for review by FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) “in a form that accounts for the information described under §§ 558.6(b)(3) and 558.6(b)(4)” as part of the application process. This guidance addresses the requirement for sponsor submission of a VFD found in § 514.1(b)(9), and recommends a common format for the information to be included on the VFD. Once the sponsor’s drug is approved, the VFD form provided by the sponsor will be made available for use by veterinarians when authorizing their client to obtain and use medicated feed containing the VFD drug. (Please note that a veterinarian is not required to use the sponsor’s form and may instead create his or her own VFD form.) This document also provides guidance concerning the elements that *must* be included on the VFD as required by § 558.6(b)(3) and the elements that *may* be included on the VFD as described in § 558.6(b)(4). Finally, this guidance provides examples that illustrate how a common VFD format might appear and how some information may be pre-populated on the VFD by the sponsor and subsequently completed with all of the

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remaining relevant information filled out by the issuing veterinarian.<sup>1</sup> This guidance only covers the contents and format of the VFD. [Guidance for Industry #120, “Veterinary Feed Directive Regulation Questions and Answers,”](#) contains more comprehensive information about the VFD process, including information about the requirements for authorizing, manufacturing, distributing, and using VFD drugs in animal feed.

In general, FDA guidance documents do not establish legally enforceable responsibilities. Instead, guidances describe the Agency’s current thinking on a topic and should be viewed only as recommendations, unless specific regulatory or statutory requirements are cited. The use of the word *should* in Agency guidance means that something is suggested or recommended, but not required.

## II. VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE

### A. Sponsor Submission of a Veterinary Feed Directive

#### 1. What responsibilities does a sponsor have for creating and submitting a VFD to CVM?

As part of the application process for approval of a new animal drug for use in or on animal feed as a VFD drug, the drug sponsor is required to submit for FDA review three copies of a VFD in a format that accounts for the information described under §§ 558.6(b)(3) and 558.6(b)(4). (§ 514.1(b)(9)). Once the sponsor’s drug is approved, veterinarians have the option<sup>2</sup> to use the sponsor’s VFD form when authorizing his or her client to obtain and use medicated feed containing the VFD drug.

#### 2. Can a sponsor submit a VFD that does not include the VFD drug-specific information to meet the requirements of § 514.1(b)(9)?

No. A sponsor's VFD must account for the VFD drug-specific information described in § 558.6(b)(3) and (b)(4) to meet the requirements of § 514.1(b)(9).

#### 3. What VFD drug-specific information should be pre-populated on the VFD at the time a sponsor submits a VFD to CVM as part of the new animal drug application?

A VFD pre-populated by the sponsor likely will reduce the risk of a veterinarian making an error or leaving out required information when filling in the form. Sponsors should pre-populate the VFD with the information that is required to be included on the VFD by the VFD regulation found at § 558.6, and also with other information that does not require the veterinarian's discretion when authorizing the VFD. In addition, the pre-populated VFD should contain areas

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<sup>1</sup> We encourage sponsors with currently approved VFDs and veterinarians generating their own VFDs to also follow the VFD common format outlined in this guidance.

<sup>2</sup> Alternatively, veterinarians may create their own VFD. When doing so, they may choose to follow the common format outlined in this guidance.

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designated on the form to account for the rest of the information that can only be provided by the veterinarian at the time the VFD is issued.

We recommend that, at a minimum, sponsors pre-populate the following information on the VFD submitted to CVM as part of the new animal drug application to reflect the conditions of approval, conditional approval, or index listing: (1) drug name(s); (2) drug level and duration of use (exact level or ranges as approved); (3) indication(s)<sup>3</sup>; (4) species and production class(es); (5) withdrawal time(s); (6) near the space where the veterinarian includes the expiration date, the maximum expiration date specified in the approval, conditional approval, or index listing, or 6 months if a date is not otherwise specified; (7) the maximum number of reorders (refills) permitted by the drug approval, conditional approval, or index listing or, if none are permitted, the statement, “Refills of this VFD are not permitted.”; (8) any special instructions specified on the approved labeling as necessary for use of the drug; (9) the statement, “Use of feed containing this veterinary feed directive (VFD) drug in a manner other than as directed on the labeling (extralabel use) is not permitted.”; and (10) cautionary statements (including warnings) necessary for use of the drug in conformance with the approval, conditional approval, or index listing. Special instructions, cautionary statements, and warnings found on the approved representative Type C medicated feed (Blue Bird) labeling should appear on the VFD.

#### **4. What information should not be pre-populated on the VFD at the time a sponsor submits a VFD to CVM as part of the new animal drug application?**

There is some information that a sponsor would generally be unable to pre-populate on the VFD because that type of information can only be filled in by the veterinarian once he or she has engaged with a particular client. This includes: (1) the client name, business or home address, and telephone number; (2) veterinarian name, address, and telephone number; (2) the premises at which the animals specified on the VFD are located; (3) the date of VFD issuance; (4) the VFD expiration date (a date not to exceed the date as specified in the approval, conditional approval, or index listing, or if not specified, not to exceed 6 months); (5) the approximate number of animals to be fed the VFD feed by the expiration date of the VFD; (6) the veterinarian’s special instructions; (7) the number of reorders (refills) authorized by the veterinarian (not to exceed the number permitted by the drug approval, conditional approval, or index listing, if any); (8) more specific identification of the animals to be treated as allowed by § 558.6(b)(4); (9) the veterinarian’s affirmation of intent for combination VFD drugs as described in § 558.6(b)(6); and (10) the veterinarian's signature.

Several pieces of information required on the VFD result from the veterinarian's professional judgment and discretion but, based on the conditions and indications of use of the drug as set forth in the relevant approval, conditional approval, or index listing, the veterinarian may have limited options from which to choose. At a minimum, the VFD submitted to CVM by the

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<sup>3</sup> The statements that are required to be on VFDs for approved, conditionally approved, and index listed drugs are different; thus, the sponsor should create a separate pre-populated VFD containing the relevant information for each category of legally marketed drugs (i.e., approved, conditionally approved, or index listed). Should the VFD reflect multiple indications in the same legal marketing category, we recommend that checkboxes be placed in front of each listed indication (with its associated species and production class, dose and duration of use, and withdrawal time) for the veterinarian to select which indication he or she is authorizing under the VFD.

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sponsor should have identified space available for this information. The sponsor may pre-populate all of the optional information available to the veterinarian under the approval, conditional approval, or index listing by using formatting such as checkboxes or blanks for the veterinarian to indicate his or her decision. For example, if a VFD drug is a component of an approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination VFD drug, the sponsor should include all three affirmation of intent statements on the VFD for the veterinarian to choose from. If a VFD drug is not a component of an approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination VFD drug, the sponsor should include only the statement, “This VFD only authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order and is not intended to authorize the use of such drug(s) in combination with any other animal drugs.”

Furthermore, when the veterinarian's options are limited by the approval, conditional approval, or index listing, the sponsor should provide blank space with information in a parenthetical that indicates the approved options available to the veterinarian. For example, the expiration date should have a blank line with a parenthetical that indicates the maximum expiration date allowed by the approval, conditional approval, or index listing (e.g., Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_ (not to exceed 21 days)). Another example is when the approval, conditional approval, or index listing allows the veterinarian to select a drug level from within a range. In that case, the sponsor should include space for the veterinarian to indicate the specific authorized drug level, as well as pre-populated parenthetical information about the range allowed by the approval, conditional approval, or index listing (e.g., Drug level: \_\_\_\_\_ g/ton (20-40 g/ton). If the drug level in the approval, conditional approval, or index listing is specified in units other than g/ton (e.g., mg/head/day or mg/unit body weight/day), then the sponsor should include space for the veterinarian to indicate the specific drug level in the feed in g/ton that corresponds with the dose level.

### **5. Is a sponsor allowed to further customize the VFD after CVM has approved the VFD?**

Some drugs may be approved for more than one use (e.g., multiple indications). Sponsors of such drugs may wish to create VFDs that contain information relevant to more than one approved use of the drug in order to make them more user friendly for veterinarians.<sup>4</sup> CVM will accept further revisions to the VFD after approval so long as the sponsor's customization: (1) conforms with the approved or conditionally approved application, or index listing; (2) includes all of the pre-populated information and spaces for the veterinarian-specified information that was included in the VFD(s) submitted to and approved by CVM; (3) includes all of the options available to a veterinarian consistent with the approval, conditional approval, or index listing; and (4) clearly organizes these options (for example, it should be clear which drug level, duration, withdrawal period, and cautionary statements, etc., correspond to a particular species, class, and/or indication). We think that this customization may, in some instances, reduce the possibility that veterinarians may accidentally omit required information or include information not allowed by the approval, conditional approval, or index listing.

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<sup>4</sup>The statements that are required to be on VFDs for approved, conditionally approved, and index listed drugs are different; thus, the sponsor should create a separate pre-populated VFD containing the relevant information for each category of legally marketed drugs (i.e., approved, conditionally approved, or index listed).

**6. Can a sponsor pre-populate information into the special instructions area of the VFD?**

Generally, the special instructions area should be reserved for special instructions that appear on the approved representative Type C medicated feed (Blue Bird) labeling. A sponsor should pre-populate information in this area only if this information is always necessary for use of the VFD drug in conformance with the approval, conditional approval, or index listing, and is not already included elsewhere on the VFD as part of the information required by § 558.6(b)(3) or permitted by § 558.6(b)(4).

The special instructions area also provides space for the veterinarian to communicate information necessary for the appropriate treatment of the animals and/or the use of the VFD feed, relevant to the specific clients and patients for whom they are authorizing the VFD. Examples of this type of information include:

- Specific treatment instructions the veterinarian wants the client to follow that are allowable under the approval, conditional approval, or index listing, but may be impractical to include elsewhere on the VFD. For example, if a VFD drug can be used within a certain drug level range and the veterinarian would like the client to use a higher drug concentration within that range for a certain part of the treatment duration and a lower drug concentration within that range for another part of the treatment duration, the special instructions area could be used for that purpose.
- Specific response monitoring instructions the veterinarian wants the client to follow. For example, the veterinarian may want the client to monitor the animals daily and call if the symptoms do not improve after a certain number of days.
- Specific husbandry practices the veterinarian wants the client to follow to achieve maximum treatment results (e.g., weather or housing considerations);
- A reminder to the client to follow all labeling instructions. The veterinarian may want to specifically remind the client that if they choose to use the VFD drug in a combination feed the veterinarian has authorized with the affirmation statements, that labeling information such as withdrawal times and caution statements may differ and the client should comply with the information on the labeling for the combination feed.

**7. Can the sponsor include other information on the VFD?**

Because non-required information that is placed on the VFD can create confusion and make it more difficult to locate required information, we recommend limiting the information on the VFD to the required and discretionary information listed in §§ 558.6(b)(3) and (b)(4). We also recommend that any non-required information the veterinarian or sponsor may choose to include on a VFD be in a place and manner that does not interfere with the required and discretionary information listed in § 558.6(b).

**8. Should the VFD have the proprietary name (trade name) or established name of the VFD drug(s)?**

The name of the VFD drug is required to be included on the VFD. (§ 558.6(b)(3)(vi)). The veterinarian may choose to write either the established name (e.g., florfenicol, tilmicosin) or the proprietary name (trade name) of a specific VFD drug.

If the VFD lists a VFD drug by the proprietary name (trade name), the veterinarian may choose to specify that a substitution by the feed manufacturer is not allowed. For a sponsor-generated VFD that has the drug name pre-populated with the trade name, the sponsor may include a checkbox with the statement “[ ] Drug product substitution is not allowed if checked.” Nevertheless, if the sponsor does not include a checkbox on the VFD, the veterinarian may write on the VFD that substitution is not allowed as part of their authorization.

If the VFD lists a drug by the proprietary name but the veterinarian does not specify that a substitution is not allowed, the feed manufacturer may use either the approved pioneer or any approved generic VFD drug to manufacture the VFD feed provided that the approval for the drug being used is consistent with the information on the VFD order (e.g., approved for that indication, in that species and production class, and at the drug level specified on the order). However, the feed manufacturer may not substitute a generic VFD drug for a pioneer VFD drug in a combination VFD feed if the generic VFD drug is not a component of an approved combination VFD drug (21 U.S.C. 360b(a)).

If the VFD lists a VFD drug by an established name, the feed manufacturer may use the approved pioneer or any approved generic VFD drug to manufacture the VFD feed provided that the approval for the drug being used is consistent with the information on the VFD order (e.g., approved for that indication, in that species and production class, and at the drug level specified on the order). However, the feed manufacturer may not use a pioneer VFD drug or a generic VFD drug in a combination VFD feed if the pioneer or generic VFD drug is not a component of an approved combination VFD drug (21 U.S.C. 360b(a)).

**B. Veterinary Feed Directive Information and Recommended Common Format**

**1. What information is required to be on the VFD and what information is discretionary? (§§ 558.6(b)(3) and (4))**

The regulation at § 558.6(b)(3) requires that the following information be fully and accurately included on the VFD:

- the veterinarian’s name, address, and telephone number;
- the client’s name, business or home address, and telephone number;
- the premises at which the animals specified in the VFD are located;
- the date of VFD issuance;
- the expiration date of the VFD;



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- the name of the VFD drug(s);
- the species and production class of animals to be fed the VFD feed;
- the approximate number of animals to be fed the VFD feed by the expiration date of the VFD;
- the indication for which the VFD is issued;
- the level of VFD drug in the feed and duration of use;
- the withdrawal time, special instructions, and cautionary statements necessary for use of the drug in conformance with the approval;
- the number of reorders (refills) authorized, if permitted by the drug approval, conditional approval, or index listing;
- the statement: “Use of feed containing this veterinary feed directive (VFD) drug in a manner other than as directed on the labeling (extralabel use), is not permitted.”;
- an affirmation of intent for combination VFD drugs as described in § 558.6(b)(6); and
- the veterinarian’s electronic or written signature.

Section 558.6(b)(4) permits the veterinarian to include on the VFD, at his or her discretion, the following additional information to identify more specifically the animals authorized to be fed the VFD feed:

- A more specific description of the location of the animals (for example, by site, pen, barn, stall, tank, or other descriptor the veterinarian deems appropriate);
- the approximate age range of the animals;
- the approximate weight range of the animals; and
- any other information the veterinarian deems appropriate to identify the animals specified in the VFD.

### **2. In what order should the information be included on the VFD?**

The order the information is presented is important to ensure that the VFD can be understood and the correct medicated VFD feed manufactured and distributed. A common VFD format that a sponsor may use in order to meet the requirements of the regulations at §§ 514.1(b)(9) and 558.6(b) is shown in APPENDIX A. FDA believes that using this common format will help clients, veterinarians, and distributors (including feed mills) quickly identify relevant information on the VFD, reduce the potential for typographical or other errors on the VFD, and reduce errors in using the VFD to manufacture feed or feed the VFD feed to animals.

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The common format in APPENDIX A contains the following features in the order listed below:

1. The contact information for the veterinarian and client. Including this information first allows the veterinarian, distributor, and client to easily see who authorized the VFD and who will be using the VFD;
2. Information about the VFD drug and the required statement about extralabel use. This information should be pre-populated by the sponsor on the VFD submitted to FDA as part of the new animal drug application. In cases where a veterinarian uses a VFD that has not been pre-populated with the VFD drug-specific information, grouping this information together helps the veterinarian identify and copy the appropriate information from the label and completely fill in all of the relevant drug information;
3. Information about the animals for which the VFD is being authorized, including the required and discretionary information;
4. The affirmation of intent statements for VFD drugs that are approved, conditionally approved, or indexed to be used in combination with other animal drugs. The statements also provide, if applicable, a checkbox for the veterinarian to affirm whether the use of the VFD drug is authorized: 1) in any approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination containing the VFD drug as a component; 2) only in certain approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combinations containing the VFD drug as a component; or 3) in no approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combinations containing the VFD drug;
5. A section demarcated by compressed arrows that indicates the required drug withdrawal time. Separating and demarcating this information from the other drug approval information makes it easy for the client to locate on the VFD; and
6. Information on the issuance and expiration date, as well as the veterinarian's signature. Including this required element last will help the veterinarian ensure that they have completed all of the required information on the VFD before applying his or her signature to the VFD.

APPENDIX B provides hypothetical examples of pre-populated VFDs using the features of this recommended common format, while APPENDIX C shows these same examples with all of the remaining relevant information subsequently filled out by the issuing veterinarian.

### **3. Do all three affirmation of intent statements need to be included for a VFD drug with no approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination with other animal drug(s)?**

No. If there is no approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination of a VFD drug with other animal drug(s), only the first of the three affirmation of intent statements (the one specified in § 558.6(b)(6)(i)) should be included to make it clear to the veterinarian that this VFD drug is not a component of any approved, conditionally approved, or index listed combination. Such

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inclusion would also minimize the potential for the reader to think that lack of an affirmation of intent statement on the VFD is a mistake, and thus think that the VFD is incomplete. When a VFD drug is a component of one or more approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combinations, all three affirmation of intent statements will need to be included, with checkboxes for the veterinarians to select their choice.

### **4. How does the recommended common format apply to an electronic VFD?**

Any VFD, whether paper or electronic, is required to include the information specified by regulation. VFDs that are issued electronically may also follow this recommended common format.

### **5. The examples in the appendices do not include space for additional information a sponsor may want to include, such as a logo. Can this information be included on the VFD?**

The examples provided in the appendices only include the required and discretionary information that is specified in the regulation. You may use these templates as the starting point to develop a VFD that may contain additional information (e.g., logo, sequential VFD number). However, keep in mind that additional information on the VFD can create confusion and make it more difficult to locate required information. We recommend that additional information on a VFD be included in a place and manner that does not interfere with the information listed in § 558.6(b).

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**APPENDIX A: BLANK VFD IN THE RECOMMENDED COMMON FORMAT**

**Veterinary Feed Directive**

**Veterinarian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Client:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (business or home) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fax or email (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax or email (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Drug(s) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Drug(s) Level:** \_\_\_\_\_ **g/ton** **Duration of use:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Species and Production class:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of reorders (refills) authorized** (if permitted by the drug approval): \_\_\_\_\_

**Indications for use** (as approved): \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution** (related to this medicated feed, if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**USE OF FEED CONTAINING THIS VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE (VFD) DRUG IN A MANNER OTHER THAN AS DIRECTED ON THE LABELING (EXTRALABEL USE) IS NOT PERMITTED**

**Approximate Number of Animals:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Premises:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Identification (e.g., age, weight)** (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Instructions** (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmation of intent (for combination VFD Drugs)** (check one box)\*:

(\*For VFD drugs for which there are no approved VFD combinations, only the first affirmation statement should be included on the VFD)

This VFD only authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order and is not intended to authorize the use of such drug(s) in combination with any other animal drugs.

This VFD authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order in the following FDA-approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination(s) in medicated feed that contains the VFD drug(s) as a component:

Drug(s)	Drug Level(s) and any Special Instructions

This VFD authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order in any FDA-approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination(s) in medicated feed that contains the VFD drug(s) as a component.

▶ **Withdrawal Time** (if any): This VFD Feed must be withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ days prior to slaughter ◀

**VFD Date of Issuance:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year) **VFD Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year) (As specified in the approval; cannot exceed 6 months after issuance)

**Veterinarian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

All parties must retain a copy of this VFD for 2 years after the date of issuance. 21 CFR 558.6(a)(4)

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**APPENDIX B: EXAMPLES OF VFDS IN THE RECOMMENDED COMMON  
FORMAT PRE-POPULATED BY THE SPONSOR FOR SUBMISSION TO CVM**

***EXAMPLE 1: A PRE-POPULATED VFD FOR A VFD DRUG THAT IS NOT  
APPROVED, CONDITIONALLY APPROVED, OR INDEXED FOR USE WITH  
OTHER ANIMAL DRUG(S)***

**Veterinary Feed Directive  
For Mydrug**

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Client: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(business or home) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax or email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax or email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Drug(s) Name: Mydrug Drug(s) Level: 100 g/ton Duration of use: 14 days

Species and Production class: Swine Number of reorders (refills) authorized (if permitted by the drug approval): 0

Indications for use (as approved): For the treatment of Swine Disease associated with *Bacterium pathologicum*

Caution (related to this medicated feed, if any): Not for use in pregnant sows

**USE OF FEED CONTAINING THIS VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE (VFD) DRUG IN A MANNER OTHER THAN AS DIRECTED  
ON THE LABELING (EXTRALABEL USE) IS NOT PERMITTED**

Approximate Number of Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

Premises: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Identification (e.g., age, weight) (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmation of intent (for combination VFD Drugs):**

This VFD only authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order and is not intended to authorize the use of such drug(s) in combination with any other animal drugs.

▶ **Withdrawal Time** (if any): This VFD Feed must  
be withdrawn 5 days prior to slaughter ◀

VFD Date of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year) VFD Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year) (As specified in the approval; cannot  
exceed 6 months after issuance)

Veterinarian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

All parties must retain a copy of this VFD for 2 years after the date of issuance. 21 CFR 558.6(a)(4)

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***EXAMPLE 2: A PRE-POPULATED VFD FOR A VFD DRUG THAT IS APPROVED, CONDITIONALLY APPROVED, OR INDEXED FOR USE WITH OTHER ANIMAL DRUG(S)***

**Veterinary Feed Directive  
For Mydrug**

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Client: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(business or home) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax or email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax or email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Drug(s) Name: Mydrug Drug(s) Level: 100 g/ton Duration of use: 14 days

Species and Production class: Swine Number of reorders (refills) authorized (if permitted by the drug approval): 0

Indications for use (as approved): For the treatment of Swine Disease associated with *Bacterium pathologicum*

Caution (related to this medicated feed, if any): Not for use in pregnant sows

**USE OF FEED CONTAINING THIS VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE (VFD) DRUG IN A MANNER OTHER THAN AS DIRECTED ON THE LABELING (EXTRALABEL USE) IS NOT PERMITTED**

Approximate Number of Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

Premises: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Identification (e.g., age, weight) (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmation of intent (for combination VFD Drugs) (check one box)\*:**

(\*For VFD drugs for which there are no approved VFD combinations, only the first affirmation statement should be included on the VFD)

This VFD only authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order and is not intended to authorize the use of such drug(s) in combination with any other animal drugs.

This VFD authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order in the following FDA-approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination(s) in medicated feed that contains the VFD drug(s) as a component:

Drug(s)	Drug Level(s) and any Special Instructions

This VFD authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order in any FDA-approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination(s) in medicated feed that contains the VFD drug(s) as a component.

◀ **Withdrawal Time** (if any): This VFD Feed must be withdrawn 5 days prior to slaughter ▶

VFD Date of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year) VFD Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year) (As specified in the approval; cannot exceed 6 months after issuance)

Veterinarian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

All parties must retain a copy of this VFD for 2 years after the date of issuance. 21 CFR 558.6(a)(4)

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**APPENDIX C: EXAMPLES OF PRE-POPULATED VFDS IN THE RECOMMENDED COMMON FORMAT THAT HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN COMPLETED BY THE ISSUING VETERINARIAN**

***EXAMPLE 1: A VFD DRUG THAT IS NOT APPROVED, CONDITIONALLY APPROVED, OR INDEXED FOR USE WITH OTHER ANIMAL DRUG(S)***

**Veterinary Feed Directive  
For Mydrug**

Veterinarian: John Doe, DVM or VMD Client: John Smith  
Address: 123 Anystreet Address: 456 Anystreet  
Anytown, Anystate 00000 (business or home) Anytown, Anystate 00000  
Phone: 111-111-1111 Phone: 111-111-1111  
Fax or email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax or email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Drug(s) Name: Mydrug Drug(s) Level: 100 g/ton Duration of use: 14 days

Species and Production class: Swine Number of reorders (refills) authorized (if permitted by the drug approval): 0

Indications for use (as approved): For the treatment of Swine Disease associated with *Bacterium pathologicum*

Caution (related to this medicated feed, if any): Not for use in pregnant sows

**USE OF FEED CONTAINING THIS VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE (VFD) DRUG IN A MANNER OTHER THAN AS DIRECTED ON THE LABELING (EXTRALABEL USE) IS NOT PERMITTED**

Approximate Number of Animals: 200

Premises: 777 Country Road, Anytown, Anystate 00000

Other Identification (e.g., age, weight) (optional): All animals are between 4 and 4.5 months of age

Special Instructions (if any): OK to move the swine to Barn 5 after treatment

**Affirmation of intent (for combination VFD Drugs):**

This VFD only authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order and is not intended to authorize the use of such drug(s) in combination with any other animal drugs.

◀ Withdrawal Time (if any): This VFD Feed must be withdrawn 5 days prior to slaughter ▶

VFD Date of Issuance: 05/15/17 (Month/Day/Year) VFD Expiration Date: 08/01/17 (Month/Day/Year) (As specified in the approval; cannot exceed 6 months after issuance)

Veterinarian's Signature: My signature, DVM or VMD

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***EXAMPLE 2: A VFD DRUG THAT IS APPROVED, CONDITIONALLY APPROVED, OR INDEXED FOR USE WITH OTHER ANIMAL DRUG(S)***

**Veterinary Feed Directive  
For Mydrug**

Veterinarian: John Doe, DVM or VMD Client: John Smith  
Address: 123 Anystreet Address: 456 Anystreet  
Anytown, Anystate 00000 (business or home) Anytown, Anystate 00000  
Phone: 111-111-1111 Phone: 111-111-1111  
Fax or email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax or email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Drug(s) Name: Mydrug Drug(s) Level: 100 g/ton Duration of use: 14 days

Species and Production class: Swine Number of reorders (refills) authorized (if permitted by the drug approval): 0

Indications for use (as approved): For the treatment of Swine Disease associated with *Bacterium pathologicum*

Caution (related to this medicated feed, if any): Not for use in pregnant sows

**USE OF FEED CONTAINING THIS VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE (VFD) DRUG IN A MANNER OTHER THAN AS DIRECTED ON THE LABELING (EXTRALABEL USE) IS NOT PERMITTED**

Approximate Number of Animals: 200

Premises: 777 Country Road, Anytown, Anystate 00000

Other Identification (e.g., age, weight) (optional): All animals are between 4 and 4.5 months of age

Special Instructions (if any): OK to move the swine to Barn 5 after treatment

**Affirmation of intent (for combination VFD Drugs) (check one box)\*:**

(\*For VFD drugs for which there are no approved VFD combinations, only the first affirmation statement should be included on the VFD)

This VFD only authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order and is not intended to authorize the use of such drug(s) in combination with any other animal drugs.

This VFD authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order in the following FDA-approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination(s) in medicated feed that contains the VFD drug(s) as a component:

Drug(s)	Drug Level(s) and any Special Instructions
<u>CureX</u>	<u>100-200 g/ton; For complete information read the label for this combination</u>

This VFD authorizes the use of the VFD drug(s) cited in this order in any FDA-approved, conditionally approved, or indexed combination(s) in medicated feed that contains the VFD drug(s) as a component.

◀ **Withdrawal Time** (if any): This VFD Feed must be withdrawn 5 days prior to slaughter ▶

VFD Date of Issuance: 05/15/17 (Month/Day/Year) VFD Expiration Date: 08/01/17 (Month/Day/Year) (As specified in the approval; cannot exceed 6 months after issuance)

Veterinarian's Signature: *My signature, DVM or VMD*

All parties must retain a copy of this VFD for 2 years after the date of issuance. 21 CFR 558.6(a)(4)