

File. No 12-01/13-DC (Pt-54)
Directorate General of Health Services
Office of Drugs Controller General (India)
(New Drug Division)

FDA Bhawan,
Kotla Road, New Delhi
Dated **23 MAY 2013**

To,

All State Drug Controllers

Subject: Sub-rule 3A of Rule 97 of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945
regarding withdrawal period.

Sir,

Please refer to the above mentioned rule (copy enclosed) which requires that the container of a medicine for treatment of food producing animals shall be labelled with the withdrawal period of the drug for the species on which it is intended to be used:

Provided that if the specific withdrawal period has not been validated, the withdrawal period shall not be less than seven days for eggs or milk, twenty eight days for meat from poultry and mammals including fat and offal, five hundred degree days for fish meat.

You are requested to ensure that the above requirement under Drugs and Cosmetics Rules is strictly implemented by the manufacturers of veterinary medicines used for food producing animals so that the food stuffs produced from animals do not contain residues of drugs in quantities in excess of the maximum residue limits laid down.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. G. N. Singh)
Drugs Controller General (I)