

**Title 15**  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
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**15.01.15 Use of Antimicrobial Drugs**

Authority: Agriculture Article, §§3-1001, 3-1002, 3-1005, and 3-1006, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01** (text unchanged)

**.02 Definitions.**

A. (text unchanged)

B. (text unchanged)

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) *Elevated Risk.*

(a) *“Elevated Risk” means a risk that is significantly higher than that present under normal or standard operating conditions.*

(b) *“Elevated Risk” does not include a risk typically or frequently present under normal or standard operating conditions.*

[2] (3) *“Medically important antimicrobial drug” means any drug from a class of drug or derivative of a class of drug that is: (a) Made from a mold or bacterium that kills or slows the growth of other microbes, specifically bacteria; and*

(b) *Used in human beings or intended for use in human beings to treat or prevent disease or infection; or*

(c) *Listed in Appendix A of the federal Food and Drug Administration's Guidance for Industry #152, including critically important, highly important, or important antimicrobial drugs.*

[3](4) *“Prophylaxis” or “Prophylactic” means the [administration for preventative use of a medically important antimicrobial drug to an animal or multiple animals to address an elevated risk of the contraction of a particular disease or infection] prevention of disease or infection in the absence of documented clinical signs of disease or infection.*

[4](5) *“Regular Pattern” means [repeating the dosage of medically important antimicrobial drug known as pulse dosing to the same animal or group of animals that is inconsistent with its approved duration and indication of use] administering a medically important antimicrobial drug:*

(a) *For multiple courses of therapy in the same animal or group of animals; or*

(b) *As a standard operating procedure, including:*

(i) *In correspondence with a particular life stage of an animal, such as in ovo, at birth or hatch, or at weaning;*

(ii) *As an ongoing management strategy or tool, such as in correspondence with a particular age or weight of an animal; particular time of the week, month, or year; or particular season; or*

(iii) *When moving animals from one location to another.*

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