



Commitment antibiotics monitoring - Veterinarians

QS. *Quality Scheme for Food*. carries out a monitoring program in order to minimize the antibiotic use in livestock. QS provides a basis of comparison for livestock owners and veterinarians. Based on the analysed data they can see if antibiotics are used in the respective farms more frequently or to a higher amount and if advice is necessary. Improvement of health management shall reduce the use of antibiotics.

The requirements for the QS antibiotics monitoring are described in the species specific **guidelines antibiotics monitoring**. The guidelines are available at the web page of QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH via www.q-s.de. Based on the guideline the livestock owners of the QS scheme are obliged to take part at the antibiotics monitoring. They have to make sure that antibiotics are applied or delivered to their livestock only by those veterinarians that have committed themselves to QS to fully report these antibiotic prescriptions to QS.

By signing the following declaration concerning the antibiotics monitoring the veterinarian commits himself to the compliance with the respective specifications of the QS scheme. At the same time it serves as proof of the veterinarian for the livestock owner.

Against this background I declare for the veterinary practice as follows:

Name of signing veterinarian:

Name of practice:

Street:

ZIP-code, city:

Telephone:Fax:

Email:

Registry number:

On behalf of farmers, the veterinary practice attends to livestock. If indicated by veterinary reasons, we treat livestock animals with antibiotics or deliver them to the farmer.

We commit ourselves to the QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH as scheme owner of the QS scheme to report all antibiotic prescriptions to the antibiotics database VetProof of the QS scheme following the QS guideline *antibiotics monitoring*.

By using the antibiotic database we accept the **guideline antibiotics monitoring** in the respective latest copy as mandatory standard of the monitoring program. QS will advise the veterinarians of guideline changes.



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We commend ourselves in particular,

- to enter the required master data of our veterinary practice (name, address, telephone, fax, registry number) completely and correctly into the QS antibiotics database *VetProof* (www.vetproof.de) and to update changes immediately. We know that only the registry number, but not the practice's name is displayed in the datasets of antibiotics applications of the QS antibiotics database.
- to permit an inspection initiated by QS, if QS has clear evidence of a violation of this commitment. In case of a violation of this commitment QS will investigate the concrete circumstances of the particular case. A body that is filled by representatives of the veterinary associations will consider which measures must be taken in order to ensure the appropriate course of the antibiotics monitoring and to establish a reliable database. We know that the livestock owner may lose his eligibility of delivery to the QS scheme if the veterinary practice violates the commitments of this declaration.

We agree that

- the master data of our veterinary practice as well as the data of antibiotic use will be evaluated, saved, used, protected and deleted in the antibiotics database VetProof of the QS scheme following the published data privacy statements of QS and Vetproof.
- the livestock owner and the coordinator of the QS scheme may check our registration and our access authorization to the antibiotics database by entering the practice's master data.
- the data that are required for the antibiotics monitoring are analysed by QS following the **QS guideline antibiotics monitoring** considering the respective data protection rules.
- the livestock owner can pass all data regarding the application and delivery of antibiotics to third parties (e.g. local veterinary authorities). Data are only transmitted to coordinators when we agree.
- other veterinarians who treat the respective livestock may see our datasets including the registry number but excluding the name.

The commitment comes into effect by signing it. **It can be taken back in written form to QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH, Schedestraße 1 - 3, 53113 Bonn at any time.**

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(Place, Date)

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(for the veterinary practice: signature)