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Statement by the Commission

The new EU Regulation on veterinary medicinal products requires Member States to collect and report data on sales and use of antimicrobials used in animals. The Commission considers this information essential to identify possible risk factors for development and spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), monitor trends in antimicrobial consumption, target relevant policy measures and assess their implementation. Although the implementation of this legal requirement is foreseen through a gradual (stepwise) approach, it may require substantial input in terms of administrative, human and financial resources.

The European One Health Action Plan against AMR recognises that in order to deliver long-lasting results and create the necessary impetus, it is important that the EU legislation related to AMR (including, inter alia, on the use of veterinary medicines) is adequately implemented. In this context, the Commission has committed in that Action Plan to engage in supporting Member States in the implementation of EU rules, including by providing technical support through the Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS) for designing and implementing policies against AMR.

Furthermore, the Commission will explore the possibilities for supporting this data collection in Member States in line with its proposals made in the context of the future EU Multiannual Financial Framework.