



## **CAHI Welcomes Health Canada's Notice of Intent to Strengthen Controls Over OUI and API Use in Veterinary Medicine**

**April 20, 2015** - The Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI) welcomes Health Canada's 'Notice of Intent' to address the personal or own-use importation (OUI) of veterinary drugs and strengthen the control over the importation of veterinary active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs). Amendments to the Food and Drug Regulations are critical to Canada aligning its food safety standards to that of other developed countries. It is important that the proposed amendments be synchronized with the Veterinary Drugs Directorate (VDD), Health Canada and animal pharmaceutical industry's actions to remove growth promotion claims and have veterinary oversight of the medically important antimicrobials used in feed and water. Synchronizing the regulatory amendments around OUI and API in veterinary medicine, along with, removal of the growth promotion claims will support activities within Canada's 3 pillars of surveillance, stewardship and innovation outlined in Federal Government Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance. CAHI represents the animal pharmaceutical industry in Canada. We look forward to working with federal and provincial regulators, veterinarians, producers and the feed industry in bolstering Canada's public and food safety measures around antimicrobial use in veterinary medicine.

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*CAHI represents the companies that manufacture animal health products – the pharmaceuticals, vaccines and feed additives used in modern food production, and the medicines that keep pets healthy.*

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