

RESOLUTION No. 21

**List of antimicrobial agents of veterinary importance**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. *Antimicrobial agent* is defined in the Glossary of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* as “a naturally occurring, semi-synthetic or synthetic substance that exhibits antimicrobial activity (kill or inhibit the growth of micro-organisms) at concentrations attainable *in vivo*. Anthelmintics and substances classed as disinfectants or antiseptics are excluded from this definition”,
2. At the 74th General Session of the OIE in May 2006, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. XXXIII. This Resolution allowed the publication of a preliminary List of antimicrobial agents of veterinary importance based on the list compiled by the OIE from the answers received to the questionnaire sent to OIE Member Countries, and requested the OIE Director General to further refine the list and consider breaking it down into subcategories according to type of usage,
3. At the 75th General Session of the OIE in May 2007, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. XXVIII, which approved the List of antimicrobial agents of veterinary importance (OIE List) and mentioned that the OIE List will be regularly updated in accordance with new scientific information,
4. At the 81st General Session of the OIE in May 2013, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 16 which approved the updated OIE List,
5. In 2015, the OIE List was updated by the OIE *ad hoc* Group on Antimicrobial Resistance the aim of which was to be consistent with the WHO List on *Critically important antimicrobials for human medicine* regarding the classification of antimicrobial agents and to specify, for some antimicrobial agents, the species for which they are currently used,
6. Revision of the recommendations of the OIE List was suggested by the OIE *ad hoc* Group on Antimicrobial Resistance and endorsed by the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases at its February 2018 meeting to be proposed for adoption to the World Assembly of Delegates during the 86th General Session,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

1. To adopt the revised List of antimicrobial agents of veterinary importance presented as Appendix III of Annex 16 of the report of the meeting of the OIE Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases, February 2018 (Doc. 86 SG/12/CS3 B).
2. To request the Director General to publish the adopted OIE List on the OIE website.

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