

REVISED FIGURES FOR SALES OF ANTIMICROBIAL PRODUCTS USED AS GROWTH PROMOTERS IN THE UK

The data previously reported by VMD in their annual sales data reports noted that sales of growth promoting products in 1999 and 2000 were incomplete. The Reports refer to this and point out that the consequent variable trend indicated may not reflect the true position. The missing data have now been received. In addition, we have discovered that, for 2002, one company inadvertently provided figures for one month instead of for the year, thus giving the lower than average sales data return for that year.

The companies providing the data were concerned by the picture painted in the VMD sales data report, as it did not reflect their individual understanding of their sales. They have therefore provided revised data, which they confirm, are accurate. The companies are thanked for their cooperation in revising these figures. The data indicate a significant and sustained downward trend in sales of antimicrobial growth promoting products from 141 tonnes of active ingredient in 1998 to 36 tonnes in 2003.

The revised antimicrobial sales data figures are provided below and should replace all previously published sales figures for these products.

(Tonnes active ingredient)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Revised figures	141	67	44	43	43	36

