

ANTIBIOTIC POLICY

Policy Statement:

2 Sisters Food Group is the trading name for Boparan Holdings Limited, which owns directly and indirectly UK & EU companies constituting the Boparan Group of Companies.

The Boparan Group is fully committed to the production and use of sustainable, healthy, quality livestock grown to the high welfare and quality standards that our customers expect. We are determined to ensure that all medicines, including antibiotics, are used in a responsible manner across the farms that supply us, and lead the industry in delivering a strategy which protects both animal and human interests, now and in the future. To this end UK Poultry as part of the Boparan Group, have signed up to the Food Industry Initiative on Antimicrobials (FIIA) which brings together retailers, manufacturers, processors and food service companies in the U.K. in order to promote and support responsible antimicrobial use and action on antimicrobial resistance.

Scope:

All meat including farmed fin fish used in Boparan Group companies.

Background:

The WHO has indicated that Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats to global health today. It can affect anyone, of any age, in any country. Antibiotic resistance occurs naturally, but misuse of antibiotics in humans and animals is accelerating the process. Antibiotic resistance leads to longer hospital stays, higher medical costs and increased mortality. Our belief is that by improving health status on supplying farms, we can help reduce the need for antimicrobial medication.

UKP has signed up to the FIIA charter and policies (Food Industry Initiative on Antimicrobials). The intention of this initiative is to support and engage with existing industry groups working in this area, and to ensure that work is aligned, and duplication of effort is avoided. The initiative will promote best practice in the food industry supply chains.

To view the FIIA policy click here:

<https://www.farmantibiotics.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/FIIA-Information-sheet.pdf>

In summary, the basic principles are as follows:

- Supporting the RUMA (the Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture Alliance) targets and agree with their guiding principles.
- Source products following the below commitments set out by the FIIA:
 - Use the European Medicines Agency (EMA) antimicrobial advice ad hoc expert group (AMEG) categorisation of antibiotics i.e.:
 - Category 3 No MRL, use in food animals prohibited
 - Category 2 i.e. colistin, 3/4th generation cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones
 - Category 1 i.e. natural & narrow spectrum penicillins, macrolides, tetracyclines, rifamycins
 - Align with RUMA policies and objectives i.e.:
 - FIIA will stop routine (automatic) prophylactic use of antibiotics using RUMA definitions.
 - *Prophylaxis means the administration of a medicinal product to an animal or group of animals before clinical signs of a disease, in order to prevent the occurrence of disease or infection.*

- *Metaphylaxis means the administration of a medicinal product to a group of animals after the diagnosis of clinical disease in part of the group has been established, with the aim of treating the clinically sick animals and controlling the spread of the disease to animals in close contact and at risk which may already be sub clinically infected.*
- FIIA will ensure that highest priority critically important antibiotics, as defined by EMA, are only used as a last resort when needed to safeguard animal welfare and no alternative treatment option is available.
- The FIIA endorses RUMA targets for reduction in antibiotic usage to 2020.

The Boparan Group will work with its suppliers to ensure that they are aware of the principles set out in the FIIA charter and that they are part of their sourcing policies.

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