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To ensure the quality and safety of animal products, as well as public health, the MOA arranged and carried out assessment of the safety of some veterinary drugs. Based on the assessment, 4 kinds of drugs namely Lomefloxacin, Pefloxacin, Ofloxacin and norfloxacin, as well as their salts, esters and other preparations, are regarded potentially harmful or imposing risk for livestock and people's health. According to Article 69 of Regulations on Administration of Veterinary Drugs, MOA decided that the four kinds of veterinary drugs mentioned above are prohibited to use in edible animals, and the license numbers of relevant veterinary products are canceled. Related issues are announced as follows:

1. From the date of this announcement, the application for the license numbers of the four kinds of drugs of Lomefloxacin, Pefloxacin, Ofloxacin and norfloxacin, as well as their salts, esters and other preparations will not be accepted, except for uses in inedible animal products.
2. From Dec. 31st, 2015, the production of the four kinds of drugs of Lomefloxacin, Pefloxacin, Ofloxacin and norfloxacin, as well as their salts, esters and other preparations shall be halted; meanwhile, license numbers of veterinary drugs of relevant enterprises shall be canceled. Products before Dec. 31st, 2015 can be distributed and used before Dec. 31st, 2016.
3. From Dec. 31st, 2016, the four kinds of drugs of lomefloxacin, pefloxacin, ofloxacin and norfloxacin, as well as their salts, esters and other preparations shall not be traded or used for edible animal products.