



## British Poultry Council (BPC) Endorses the IPC Antimicrobial Use Stewardship Principles

1. All participants in the poultry industry adopt risk analysis based principles of antimicrobial stewardship to ensure best practices are used throughout all phases of poultry production so as to minimize the use of all antimicrobials while ensuring proper animal care. To achieve stewardship IPC will encourage its members to:
  - Understand and control why and when we use antimicrobials,
  - Understand and control which antimicrobials we use,
  - Understand and control how much antimicrobials we use, and
  - Transparently communicate our actions.
2. Management practices around biosecurity, housing, nutrition and hygiene, and the use of preventive measures, such as vaccines, should be prioritized to provide the best animal care to reduce the need for antimicrobial use.
3. Antimicrobials will only be used in compliance with national authorizations.
4. Those antimicrobials critically important for human medicine should be used for therapeutic purposes only and under a supervising veterinarian's diagnosis and oversight.

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On behalf of BPC

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### DEFINITIONS

**Antimicrobial:** Broadest term used, refers to any type of product that has activity against a variety of microorganisms, which can include bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites. This includes products such as antibiotics and anti-protozoals.  
**Biosecurity:** Systems established and measures taken to stop the introduction or spread of diseases.  
**Medically important for humans:** Antimicrobial classes used in humans are categorized into three groups including critically important, highly important, and important based on their needs in human medicine.  
**Risk analysis:** Risk analysis includes risk assessment, management and communication – a process identifying the hazard, determining the appropriate management steps and seeking to communicate to key stakeholders.  
**Therapeutic use:** Treatment, control or prevention of a disease.

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