BAN ON THE USE IN FOOD ANIMALS OF BETA-AGONIST DRUGS USED IN HUMAN AS BRONCHODILATORS AND TOCOLYTIC AGENTS

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WHEREAS, beta-agonist drugs, such as, but not limited to clenbuterol, salbutamol, terbutalin and pirbuterol are used as bronchodilators and tocolytic agents in humans.

WHEREAS, these beta-agonist drugs are also used in food animals as partitioning agents promoting reduction in body fat and enhancing growth.

WHEREAS, the safety profile of these compounds has not been established and these compounds have been banned in other countries for use as lean-enhancing agent in food animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS P. LORENZO, JR., Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this order banning the use of human beta-agonist drugs in food animals and prescribe the following:

1. Application for registration of the same shall be disapproved and immediate revocation of registration, if any, of the above-stated commodity;

2. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments intended for use in food animals into the country of the above stated commodity at all sea/air ports; and

3. The BAI Director may issue guidelines for the effective implementation of this Administrative Order.

This ORDER shall take immediately.

Adopted: 12 May 2003

(SGD.) LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.
Secretary

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