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**ATI 320**

**Request**

**From:** [Redacted under section 40 of the FOIA]

**Sent:** 3 November 2014 16:02

**Subject:** Re: PCU for sheep between 2008 and 2012

Could you possibly provide me with a breakdown by antibiotic class of the use of antibiotic growth promoters between 1998 and 2005?

As you will know, for the period 1998 to 2005, the VMD has published annual statistics on the use of antibiotic growth promoters (AGPs) in the Sales data reports, but did not provide any information on the use by antibiotic class for reasons of commercial confidentiality.

Since AGPs are no longer allowed in the UK or in the EU, my understanding is that there can no longer be any concerns about commercial confidentiality, so could you please provide me with a breakdown by antibiotic class of the AGPs between 1998 and 2005?

Thank you again for your help.

**VMD Reply**

**Sent:** 17 November 2014

**To:** [Redacted under section 40 of the FOIA]

**Subject:** Re: PCU for sheep between 2008 and 2012

Thank you for your email dated 3 November 2014.

We are dealing with it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Your Request**

You asked for a breakdown by antibiotic class of the use of antibiotic growth promoters between 1998 and 2005.

## Our Reply

Sales of Growth Promoters (tonnes active ingredient) 1998-2005:

|                   | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Salinomycin       | 10.45 | 14.22 | 16.57 | 15.44 | 16.23 | 13.04 | 13.74 | 6.12 |
| Monensin          | 11.1  | 7.89  | 5.34  | 5.72  | 5.83  | 5.71  | 4.42  | 2.36 |
| Bambermycin       | 0.63  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0    |
| Bacitracin Zinc   | 34.15 | 3.94  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0    |
| Tylosin           | 57.76 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0    |
| Avilamycin        | 27.02 | 36.14 | 20.2  | 20.58 | 19.62 | 17.18 | 13.76 | 4.92 |
| Virginiamycin     | 0     | 2.71  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0    |
| Flavophospholipol | 0     | 2.32  | 1.34  | 0.83  | 0.62  | 0.51  | 0.35  | 0.15 |

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