

Process of Banning Veterinary Drugs In Myanmar



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Step 1: An organisation (or MVWG) writes to the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) formally requesting a ban of a specific drug, sent together with copies of publications and other documents directly relevant to this request.

At the same time, an organisation (or MVWG) writes to the Nature Wildlife Conservation Division, Forest Department, formally requesting a ban of a specific drug with copies of relevant documents to push the banning veterinary drugs with the Livestock, Breeding and Veterinary Department.

Step 2: The LBVD will review the requested ban of dangerous drugs to vulture as first stage and then LBVD will request the recommendation from the Myanmar Veterinary Council (MVC), which is semi-NGO and consists of experts appointed directly by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and irrigation and qualified veterinarians elected by the Myanmar Veterinary Association (MVA)

The MVC may require further discussion or seek further information from MVWG before a conclusion for approval or rejection of the requested ban is returned.

Step 4: In order to facilitate the process, to ensure officials are on board and to make a ban effective, there is a very important step which is needed here:

MVA to organise awareness raising on the toxicity and impact of diclofenac for vultures and regarding the existence of safe alternative drugs such as meloxicam and tolfenamic acid. This will target government authorities, veterinary professionals and networks of local cattle owners in Kachin State and Shan State. This will be organized by MVA together with MVWG.

Step 5: If the recommendation is for the approval of a ban, then the LBVD normally endorses this and passes the file to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

Step 6: The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation normally signs approval and Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in cooperation with Myanmar Veterinary Council and Myanmar Veterinary Association will endorse the detailed procedures for its veterinarians in each District.

Note that extending the ban to national level will require further follow-up!