(j) persons providing computer software to dispense veterinary prescriptions.

Regulation 5

SCHEDULE

Proper Assessment Protocol for the prescribing of antiparasitic veterinary medicinal products

Requirements of the Protocol

The Proper Assessment Protocol shall –

(a) be drawn up by the prescribing veterinarian,

(b) be in writing (including in electronic format),

(c) include the prescribing veterinarian's Veterinary Council of Ireland registration number,

(d) include the date the protocol was drawn up,

(e) include the prescription number, and

(f) contain at least the following information set out in the form below.

Proper Assessment Protocol for the prescribing of antiparasitic veterinary medicinal products

1. Herdowner name and herd number details

2. Confirm that the animal owner/keeper has affirmed that no animals are currently showing clinical signs of disease

3. Category of animals

(Provide details of age, sex, weight, breed(s) and system of farming. If developing a Proper Assessment Protocol for different groups/categories of animals, where there are different risks and/or control strategies, these must be described and accounted for separately.)

4. Farm details

(Provide details of farm relevant to potential parasitic risk including but not limited to size, soil type, stocking rate, system(s) of production, grazing patterns/systems or feeding system.)

5. Use of antiparasitic veterinary medicinal products

(Provide details of general farm use of antiparasitics in the previous 12 months including treatment of all categories of animals on farm and products used. Provide any diagnostic evidence of worm or ectoparasite burdens, such as faecal egg count, skin scrape, assessment of treatment effectiveness (faecal egg count reduction test) etc.

6. Evidence of antiparasitic resistance (shall contain any evidence of confirmed antiparasitic resistance on farm e.g. FECRT)

7. Investigate and record details of intervention strategies and previous treatment for the parasite(s) class/category now being considered (provide details of previous treatment(s) for parasite to be targeted in the last 3 years. Provide any previous clinical history of parasite to be targeted in recent years.)

8. Antiparasitic husbandry practices

(Provide details of on farm husbandry practices focused on reducing antiparasitic resistance,

such as refugia, grazing patterns, biosecurity.)

9. Recommendation of treatment

(Shall include a statement outlining the justification for antiparasitic product to be prescribed as well as any other husbandry/grazing/management recommendations for control of parasites.)

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GIVEN under my Official Seal,
12 September, 2024.

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Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.