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**Keep Antibiotics Working Statement on New FDA Ban of Extralabel Use of  
Cephalosporins.**

Washington, D.C. – Keep Antibiotics Working, a coalition of consumer, environmental, science and humane organizations, applauds the Food and Drug Administration for its action today to ban the extralabel use of both 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation cephalosporin antimicrobial drugs in veterinary medicine. This move represents an aggressive use of the Agency’s authority to restrict the use of drugs in food animals that pose a risk of reducing the efficacy of drugs used in human medicine.

The data cited by the FDA in its decision to ban extralabel uses of cephalosporins call into question the extensive use of these drugs in widely consumed food animals, and should spur the agency to explicitly reject the pending application from Intervet/Schering-Plough for the use of a fourth generation cephalosporin, cefquinome, in beef cattle.

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