

CAN I USE THIS PRODUCT IN MY BARN?



Great Question!

No matter what type of product is being used, you always need to consider if that product is approved to be used in agricultural facilities, and what the potential impact of that product may be on the food safety of the final product – chicken.

Remember, always use the correct product for your situation and always follow the label directions. Record the use of each of these products in your flock records.

Labels can be confusing. It's true. But here's a few helpful hints to help figure out if a product can be used in or around your barns.

RODENTICIDES/PESTICIDES

- » All pest control products must be approved by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Canada.
- » Approved products are given an individual "Registration number".
- » The approved list of products can be found using an **online search**, or you can **download an app** on your phone.
- » Health Canada's restrictions for using rodenticides on agricultural premises **is here**.

MEDICATIONS

- » All medications must be approved by Health Canada.
- » Approved products are issued a "Drug identification Number" (DIN).
- » A listing of approved medications can be found on **Health Canada's Drug Product Database**.
- » The Canadian Food Inspection Agency approves the medications that are permitted to be used in feed; these are listed in the **Compendium of Medicating Ingredient Brochures (CMIB)**.

VACCINES

- » All vaccines must be approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
- » Approved products are given a "CCVB Number".
- » A complete listing of approved vaccines can be found on the **CFIA veterinary biologics website**.

DISINFECTANTS

- » Products labeled as disinfectants are regulated by Health Canada.
- » Approved disinfectants are issued a "Drug Identification Number" (DIN).
- » A listing of approved disinfectants can be found on **Health Canada's Drug Product Database**.

CLEANERS/SANITIZERS (FOR BARN, EQUIPMENT, WATER LINES), PH MODIFIERS

- » Cleaning and sanitizing products are registered differently depending on their use and how they are marketed.
- » While all products need to respect Canadian government requirements for labeling and safety, there is no government registration required. Some products may have a "Drug identification Number" (DIN), but most will not.
- » To be used, products must either be approved for use in food animal premises by having a "Drug Identification Number" (DIN), have directions specific for use in chicken production or livestock barns, be listed on the **Organic permitted substances list**, or be used in conjunction with a veterinarian.

FEED ADDITIVES

- » Any products used in feed must be approved for use by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

WATER ADDITIVES

- » Water additives (e.g. vitamins, probiotics, essential oils, etc.) that are being used to impact the health or nutrition of the flock must be approved for use by either the Canadian Food Inspection Agency or Health Canada.
- » Water additives are registered differently depending on how they are being used. Water additives must be approved in one of the following ways:
 - As a feed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency - and have been issued a Feed Registration Number.
 - As a drug by Health Canada - and have been issued a Drug Identification Number (DIN). These can be found on **Health Canada's Drug Product Database**.
 - As a Veterinary Health Product by Health Canada - and have been issued a notification number. A list of these products can be found on "**List C**" published by Health Canada.

More information can be found in the OFFSP manual.