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VETERINARY SERVICES NOTICE

Subject: Criteria for Recharging Dip Vats

To: Directors, VS Regions  
Area Veterinarians in Charge, VS

The purpose of this notice is to provide Veterinary Services policy for recharging dip vats used in eradication and control programs for ticks and scabies.

Veterinary Services Memorandum 556.1, Supplement No. 6, "Instructions to be Followed in the Treatment of Animals for Scabies or Ticks With Coumaphos (Co-Ral)," lists criteria required for vats to be emptied, cleaned and recharged within 360 days. The "animal dipped" criterion states that vats must be recharged when the number of animals dipped exceeds one-half the initial volume of the dip in liters. Since that criterion was established, a number of vats have been identified that could have handled more than twice the number of animals dipped during the 360-day period. Low use vats such as these could have been used another year without exceeding the "animals dipped" criterion.

Data are available that support the efficacy of coumaphos in a dip vat for a 2-year period. Therefore, for low use vats (those vats that do not meet the "animals dipped" criterion during a 360-day period) the 360-day period has been extended to 720 days provided that all other criteria are met.

/s/

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