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## **'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of medicated feed, amending Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 90/167/EEC (first reading)  - Adoption of the legislative act  - Statement
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## **Statement by Austria**

With a view to the objective of the Regulation, which is to achieve a high degree of protection of human health, Austria would like to draw attention to the following points:

It should only be possible to use veterinary medicinal products via the feed channel when there is a specific need (i.e. in the case of sickness).

In the interests of subsidiarity in accordance with the new Regulation on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of medicated feed, it should be possible to maintain established national control systems for the use of medicated feed directly on the farm, as is currently practised in Austria by registered on-farm mixers.

13914/1/18 REV 1 ADD 1 kea/PS/fc In order to take account of the special needs of small-scale agriculture, primarily involving family farms, the requirements for the manufacture of medicated feed must be implemented in a way that is feasible and practical for on-farm mixers. The manufacture and administration of medicated feed by trained farmers under the supervision of a veterinarian constitutes a well-established practice in Austria which minimises many risks, as the medicinal products are used in the place and in the quantity in which they are absolutely needed.

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