Republic of Azerbaijan

Automated Food Safety Information System (AQTİS)

Republic of Azerbaijan – Capital: Baku; Region: South Caucasus;

Competent Authority: Azerbaijan Food Safety Agency (AFSA).

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World Organisation for Animal Health
Founded as OIE

Organisation mondiale de la santé animale
Fondée en tant qu'OIE

Organización Mundial de Sanidad Animal
Fundada como OIE

Mandate and legal basis

Law on Veterinary Science of the Republic of Azerbaijan (2005).
Cabinet of Ministers Decisions No. 19 (30 January 2007),
No. 66 (16 April 2007) and
No. 80 (22 May 2007).
No. 436 (11 October 2018), Annex 5.
Food Safety Agency Collegium Decision No. 19 (3 November 2020).

Which authority or body is responsible for each of these?

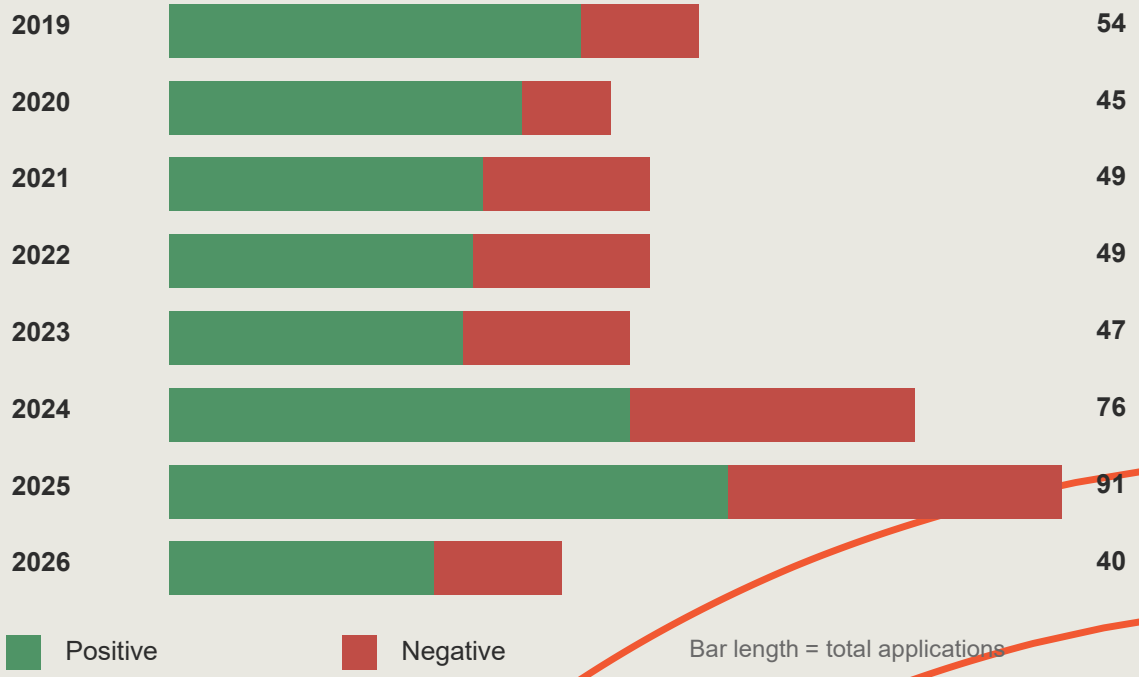
Activity	Responsible authority	Notes (shared, outsourced, not performed)
Authorisation of veterinary pharmaceuticals	Azerbaijan Food Safety Agency (AFSA)	state registration
Authorisation of veterinary biologicals and immunologicals	AFSA	state registration
Authorisation of ectoparasiticides (veterinary pesticides)	AFSA	state registration
Authorisation of veterinary medicines for fish	AFSA	Veterinary products
Pharmacovigilance	AFSA/AFSİ	-
Authorisation and inspection (GDP) of the distribution chain	-	It is provided for in the new Law on Animal Health.
Authorisation and inspection (GMP) of the manufacturing site	-	It is provided for in the new Law on Animal Health.
Laboratory quality testing	AFSİ	-

Who is allowed to manufacture, import, distribute and sell?

LICENSING PROCESS

1. **Application** — Submitted by the business operator
2. **Site inspection** — Regional Economy Ministry representative + AFSA
3. **AFSA opinion** — Positive or negative, based on compliance with requirements
4. **Licence decision** — Issued by the Ministry of Economy

LICENSING APPLICATIONS BY YEAR



2019–2026 TOTAL

451 applications

LICENSING OPINIONS

302 positive | 149 negative

MONITORING • 2024–2025

493 inspected | 172 unlicensed

How are veterinary medicines classified for supply?

LEGAL RESTRICTIONS IN THE SUPPLIED AFSA MATERIAL

WHO MAY NOT SELL CERTAIN PRODUCTS?

Individuals conducting business without establishing a legal entity may not sell biological or potent medicines intended for diseases common to humans and animals.

PRESCRIPTION-ONLY CATEGORIES

Potent veterinary medicines; narcotic drugs; psychotropic substances; and their precursors.

PRACTICE REPORTED BY AFSA

ANTIMICROBIALS

Farmers and pet owners can in practice obtain antimicrobial medicines without a veterinary prescription.

A dedicated system to track and control antimicrobial sales and use is currently not available.

REGULATORY GAP **Formal prescription categories exist, but actual access to antimicrobials without prescription and the absence of a tracking system limit oversight of sales and use.**

How do you learn that a product already in use is substandard, falsified or unsafe?

AFSA CONTROL FINDINGS

VETERINARY PHARMACY MONITORING • 2024–2025

493 veterinary pharmacies inspected

41 sites	137 product names 743 expired units	**39 sites**	110 product names 1,289 unregistered units
6 sites	11 product names 18 units without manufacture date	**6 sites**	10 product names 139 counterfeit units

NON-COMPLIANT IMPORTS

2025

10 product lines
17.9914 tonnes

Ukraine, Spain, China, Vietnam, Georgia

2026

9 products
6.66 tonnes

China, Vietnam, Belarus, Ukraine

QUALITY COMPLAINTS

2025: 11 | 2026: 7

Reports from animal owners

KEY FINDING

AFSA monitoring identified expired, unregistered and counterfeit veterinary medicines, as well as products lacking manufacture dates; import controls also identified non-compliant consignments.

When did you last remove a product from the market?

PRODUCT AND NON-COMPLIANCE

Imported veterinary medicine
Injectable solution against bacterial infections

ORIGIN China
NON-COMPLIANCE pH did not meet the requirements of normative-technical documents

AFFECTED QUANTITY

5,010 units
50 ml each

3,006 units
100 ml each

Total: 8,016 units

REGULATORY RESPONSE TIMELINE

01 JUN 2026	Samples collected and submitted to the laboratory.
24 JUL 2026	Laboratory found that the pH did not comply with requirements.
28 JUL 2026	Decision issued to remove the product from the customs territory or destroy it.
28 AUG 2026	Administrative proceedings initiated because implementation had not been reported.
09 SEP 2026	Administrative-offence protocol prepared.
17 SEP 2026	Decision on conditional approval of an administrative fine; 30 days allowed for implementation.

FINAL OUTCOME | The non-compliant veterinary medicine was destroyed on 2 October 2026.

If you could change anything, what would it be and why?

- What is stopping you?

Strencening of the control over the veterinary medicilal products by the implementation of below mentioned measures:

- Taking into consideration growing of the constant demand development of the legislation;
- Creating system for antimicrobial products traceability under the ``One Health`` Concept;
- Enhancing the knowledge and skills of veterinary product users.





Thank you for your attention!





