Kazakhstan

Veterinary Medicines Regulatory System: Country Snapshot

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Mandate and legal basis

- **Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Veterinary Medicine"** (2002) - primary national legislation governing veterinary medicinal products.
- **National secondary regulations** are in force, including the Rules for State Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products and Feed Additives (2015).
- **EAEU Rules on the circulation of veterinary medicinal products**, approved by EEC Council Decision No. 1 of 21 January 2022, also apply in Kazakhstan.

Which authority or body is responsible for each of these?

Activity	Responsible authority	Notes
Authorisation of veterinary pharmaceuticals	CVCS	National procedures
Authorisation of veterinary biologicals and immunologicals	CVCS	National procedures
Authorisation of ectoparasiticides (veterinary pesticides)	CVCS	National procedures
Authorisation of veterinary medicines for fish	CVCS	National procedures
Pharmacovigilance	CVCS, territorial veterinary inspections	Function in place; EAEU adverse reaction register under development
Authorisation and inspection (GDP) of the distribution chain	territorial veterinary inspections	Notification-based activity; facility registration number required; state veterinary control
Authorisation and inspection (GMP) of the manufacturing site	CVCS	GMP inspection system under development
Laboratory quality testing	National Reference Center for	Testing during registration and post-

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

- **Manufacturing:** a licence issued by the Committee is required.
- **Import:** only registered veterinary medicinal products may be imported; a facility registration number is required.
- **Distribution:** only registered veterinary medicinal products may be distributed; a facility registration number is required.
- **Retail sale:** only registered veterinary medicinal products may be sold; a facility registration number is required.

Compliance is monitored by the territorial veterinary inspections through state veterinary sanitary control. In 2026, a total of 224 inspections have been conducted to date, and since 1 January 2026, a new requirement has been introduced for each establishment to undergo inspection once every three years

How are veterinary medicines classified for supply?

- Veterinary medicines are not currently classified into prescription and non-prescription categories for supply.
- At present, antimicrobials can be purchased without a veterinary prescription.
- Draft legislation introducing prescription-only supply of veterinary antimicrobials has been developed.
- The draft is currently under consideration by the Kurultai of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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

- **Market surveillance:** sampling of veterinary medicines in circulation and laboratory testing by the National Reference Center for Veterinary Medicine.
- **Pharmacovigilance:** adverse reactions and lack of efficacy are reported through territorial veterinary inspections.
- **Complaints and alerts:** information from veterinarians, animal owners, market operators and other public authorities.
- **Follow-up action:** confirmed non-compliance may lead to restriction, withdrawal or recall of affected batches.

When did you last remove a product from the market?

- **2026:** non-compliant vaccine batch identified.
- **Action:** affected batch withdrawn from circulation.
- **Enforcement:** territorial inspections under Committee coordination; fines and reporting requirements applied.
- **Verification:** withdrawal confirmed through territorial inspection reports and batch documentation.

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

1. **Change:** Strengthen post-market surveillance of veterinary medicines, including routine sampling, laboratory testing and pharmacovigilance.
2. **Why:** To detect quality and safety issues earlier and respond more quickly.
3. **Obstacle:** Limited financial, laboratory and human resources for regular nationwide monitoring.

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