



# Legal instruments in veterinary medicine

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## Lecture outline

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- Veterinary legislation. Structure of legal instruments in veterinary medicine.
- Federal Law “On Veterinary Medicine” of May 14, 1993, No. 4979-1.
- New veterinary regulations effective from March 1, 2022.
- Veterinary regulations for the movement, storage, treatment, and disposal of biological waste.



# Structure of legal instruments in veterinary medicine

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- Federal Law “On Veterinary Medicine” of May 14, 1993, No. 4979-1;
- Veterinary regulations for the regionalization of the territory of the Russian Federation;
- Veterinary regulations for the compartmentalization (determination of zoosanitary status);
- Rules for the execution of veterinary documents;
- Rules for the expert examination for specific types of products, as well as special expert examinations;
- Veterinary regulations for preventive, diagnostic, restrictive, and other measures, establishment and removal of quarantine, and other restrictions aimed at preventing the spread and elimination of foci of infectious diseases;
- Veterinary regulations for the identification and registration of animals

# Law of the Russian Federation “On Veterinary Medicine” of May 14, 1993, No. 4979-1 (as amended on July 2, 2021) (version effective from January 1, 2022)

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regulates the activities of veterinary authorities and specialists

Section I. General provisions. Article 1. Veterinary medicine in the Russian Federation.

Veterinary medicine is a field of science and practice aimed at preventing and treating animal diseases, producing high-quality and veterinary safe animal products, and protecting the public from diseases that affect both humans and animals.



## Tasks of veterinary medicine in the Russian Federation:

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- Implementation of measures to prevent and eliminate contagious and other diseases (according to the list approved by the federal agency responsible for developing state policy and regulation in agro-industry), including veterinary treatment of animal diseases (in farm, domestic, zoo, and other animals, fur-bearing animals, birds, fish, and bees), and implementation of regional plans of veterinary services for animal husbandry;
- Training of specialists in veterinary medicine, production of veterinary drugs and equipment, as well as organization of veterinary research;
- Protection of the territory of the Russian Federation from the introduction of contagious animal diseases from foreign countries;
- Implementation of federal state veterinary control (supervision).



## The jurisdiction of the Russian Federation shall include:

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- Federal veterinary legislation;
- Development and approval of federal special-purpose programs on the prevention and elimination of quarantine and extremely dangerous animal diseases and the conduct of veterinary research, as well as control over their implementation;
- Development and implementation of federal programs in the field of veterinary medicine in the territory of the Russian Federation;
- Organization and support of the activities of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation;
- State certification and registration of domestic and imported veterinary drugs and equipment, management of their standardization and qualification system, and issuance of permits for their production and sale;
- Development and approval of veterinary and sanitary requirements and regulations to ensure feed and feed additive safety;
- Protection of the territory of the Russian Federation from the introduction of contagious animal diseases from foreign countries, and cooperation with international organizations and foreign countries on veterinary issues.



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## Article 2. Regulation in veterinary medicine:

- Veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation consists of this Law and other legal instruments of the Russian Federation, laws, and other legal instruments of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation adopted in accordance with this Law.
- Veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation regulates relations in the field of veterinary medicine in order to protect animals from diseases, produce veterinary safe animal products, and protect the public from diseases that affect both humans and animals.

### Article 2.1. Veterinary regulations (rules for veterinary medicine)

- Veterinary regulations are legal instruments that establish requirements mandatory for individuals and legal entities in the implementation of preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, restrictive, and other measures.



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Article 2.3. Veterinary regulations for the execution of supporting veterinary documents.

Article 2.4. Veterinary regulations for the animal management.

Article 2.5. Veterinary regulations for the identification and registration of animals.

Article 2.6. Veterinary regulations for the regionalization of the territory of the Russian Federation.



## **Section II. State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation (name in the wording introduced from July 1, 2021, by Federal Law of June 11, 2021, No. 170-FZ).**

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Tasks of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation:

- Prevention and elimination of contagious and mass non-contagious animal diseases;
- Ensuring veterinary and sanitary safety of animal products;
- Protection of the public from diseases that affect both humans and animals;
- Protection of the territory of the Russian Federation from the introduction of contagious animal diseases from foreign countries.



## System of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation:

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- Federal agencies in the field of regulation in veterinary medicine;
- Federal agency in the field of veterinary supervision and its subordinate territorial agencies and organizations;
- Veterinary (veterinary and sanitary) services of federal agencies in the fields of defense, internal affairs, activities of the national guard of the Russian Federation, execution of sentences, state protection, and security, and organizations subordinate to them;
- In the constituent entities of the Russian Federation: executive agencies of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation and their subordinate organizations authorized in the field of veterinary medicine.

**Section III. Federal state veterinary control (supervision) (Name in the wording introduced from January 1, 2020, by Federal Law of December 27, 2019, No. 447-FZ; name in the wording introduced from July 1, 2021, by Federal Law of June 11, 2021, No. 170-FZ)**

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Federal state veterinary control (supervision) is performed by:

- Federal agency in the field of veterinary supervision in accordance with the regulations approved by the Government of the Russian Federation;
- Federal agencies authorized by the Government of the Russian Federation at checkpoints on the State Border of the Russian Federation, within the competence and in accordance with the procedure established by the Government of the Russian Federation;
- At the facilities of federal agencies in the fields of defense, internal affairs, activities of the national guard of the Russian Federation, execution of sentences, state protection, and security, and at the facilities occupied by the national guard of the Russian Federation: veterinary (veterinary and sanitary) services of the said federal agencies, subdivisions of the territorial agencies of the said federal agencies and the corresponding management agencies, and organizations subordinate to them;



## The subjects of federal state veterinary control (supervision) are:

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- Compliance by legal entities, individual entrepreneurs, and citizens with mandatory requirements in the field of veterinary medicine established by international treaties of the Russian Federation in the field of veterinary medicine, acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, this Law, Federal Law “On State Regulation of Genetic Engineering” of July 5, 1996, No. 86-FZ, other federal laws, and other legal instruments of the Russian Federation;
- Compliance by manufacturers, contractors (persons performing the functions of a foreign manufacturer), and sellers with the requirements established by technical regulations or mandatory requirements to be applied before entry into force of technical regulations in accordance with Federal Law “On Technical Regulation” of December 27, 2002, No. 184-FZ. (This item is additionally included from July 1, 2021, by Federal Law of June 11, 2021, No. 170-FZ).

## Section III. State registration of feed additives (additionally included from January 1, 2022, by Federal Law of June 11, 2021, No. 179-FZ)

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- The list of feed additives is approved by the Government of the Russian Federation. The following feeds are subject to registration:
- Produced for the first time in the Russian Federation, as well as intended to be imported into the Russian Federation;
- Registered previously, but with new qualitative and (or) quantitative compositions of active substances;
- Registered previously, but with a new qualitative composition of excipients.

## Section IV. General requirements for the prevention and elimination of animal diseases and ensuring veterinary safety of animal products

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regulates general requirements for the prevention and elimination of animal diseases and ensuring veterinary safety of animal products. The law provides for the creation of favorable conditions for animal management and animal product production during design and construction of livestock breeding complexes, poultry farms, meat processing plants, other animal product production and storage facilities, family-owned farms, and farm households, in order to prevent pollution of the environment with industrial waste and pathogens of contagious animal diseases.

## Section V. Protection of the public from diseases that affect both humans and animals and food poisoning

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regulates the public from diseases that affect both humans and animals and food poisoning.

- This section defines the competence of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation in the field of protecting the public from diseases that affect both humans and animals and food poisoning;
- Veterinary and sanitary examination of animal products;
- Interaction between federal agencies in the fields of veterinary supervision, consumer rights protection and human well-being, and customs affairs.

## Section VI. Liability for violation of veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation

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Officials and citizens guilty of violating the veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation shall bear disciplinary, administrative, criminal, and other responsibility in accordance with this Law and other acts of legislation of the Russian Federation. The imposition of fines and other penalties shall not free the guilty parties of their obligation to compensate for the damage in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.





## Section VII. International treaties

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If an international treaty with the participation of the Russian Federation on animal husbandry, veterinary medicine, and import and export of animals and animal products establishes rules other than those provided for by this Law, the rules of the international treaty shall apply. Decisions of interstate bodies adopted on the basis of the provisions of international treaties of the Russian Federation in their interpretation contrary to the Constitution of the Russian Federation shall not be enforceable in the Russian Federation. Such contradiction may be determined in accordance with the procedure established by federal constitutional law. (This part is additionally included by Federal Law of December 8, 2020, No. 429-FZ)

# List of legal instruments in veterinary medicine in force from March 1, 2022:

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- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. African Swine Fever” of January 28, 2021, No. 37. ASF.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Leucosis” of March 24, 2021, No. 156.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Foot and Mouth Disease” of March 24, 2021, No. 15.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Herpes Simplex Virus” of March 24, 2021, № 158.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy” of May 21, 2021, No. 327.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary and Sanitary Expert Evaluation of Milk and Dairy Products for Sale on Retail Markets” of June 28, 2021, No. 421.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Pox” of August 24, 2021, No. 587.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Amendments to Veterinary Regulations. African Swine Fever” of December 16, 2021, No. 848.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Amendments to Veterinary Regulations. Tuberculosis” of October 20, 2021, No. 713.

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- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Equine Influenza” of September 22, 2021, No. 635.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Myxobacterial Diseases of Salmon and Sturgeon” of September 22, 2021, No. 644.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Tapeworm Disease of Carp” of September 23, 2021, No. 646. Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Anthrax” of September 23, 2021, No. 648.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Equine Rhinopneumonitis” of September 23, 2021, No. 649.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Circling Disease” of September 23, 2021, No. 651.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Amendments to Veterinary Regulations. Rabies” of August 24, 2021, No. 586.

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- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Anthrax” of September 23, 2021, No. 648.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Equine Rhinopneumonitis” of September 23, 2021, No. 649.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Circling Disease” of September 23, 2021, No. 651.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Amendments to Veterinary Regulations. Rabies” of August 24, 2021, No. 586.
- Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, “Veterinary Regulations. Contagious Nodular Dermatitis” of August 24, 2021, No. 588.

## The most typical violations, responsibility for which is stipulated by part 1, Article 10.8, Code on Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation, are as follows:

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- Biological waste disposal;
- Lack of supporting veterinary documents for products subject to state veterinary supervision;
- Storage and sale of animal products, including storage and sale of animal products with expired shelf life;
- Animal products without signs of veterinary and sanitary examination performed in full; absence of the State Veterinary Supervision stamp;
- Storage and sale of animal products without labeling;
- Lack of documents confirming chemical and bacteriological analysis of water used for processing of animal products;
- Supporting documents lack information on raw milk cooling, as well as the time of the beginning of raw milk transportation;
- Lack of laboratory control of raw materials, as well as reliable and complete control of feed raw materials subject to state veterinary supervision

## The most typical violations, responsibility for which is stipulated by part 1, Article 14.43, Code on Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation, are as follows:

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- Use of non-commercial meat for processing and production of semifinished meat products;
- Lack of temperature control devices and documents confirming compliance with the temperature requirements;
- Crossing process flows of finished products and raw materials during production;
- Lack of metering devices, as well as compliance with the requirements for relative air humidity in storage rooms for animal products (market eggs);
- The production control program is not fully implemented;
- Adulteration of dairy products;
- Presence or exceedance of the norms for prohibited substance residues in dairy products;
- Lack and/or non-compliance with HACCP principles during production;
- Storing meat for food and non-food purposes in the same cold room;
- Storage and sale of animal products with expired shelf life.

## The most typical violations, responsibility for which is stipulated by part 1, Article 14.43, Code on Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation, are as follows:

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- Animal products without labeling; non-compliance of the composition of animal products with the label claim;
- Non-compliance with the requirements for storage of animal products in opened vacuum protective packaging;
- Lack of documents confirming the safety of raw materials of animal origin (meat and meat products);
- Non-compliance with the requirements for storage of fresh and chilled meat;
- Transportation of raw milk in unsealed containers;
- Shipping documents do not indicate the time of shipment, temperature of shipment, and batch number of raw milk.

**The most typical violations, responsibility for which is stipulated by part 1, Article 14.43, Code on Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation, are as follows:**

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- Lack of logbooks, as well as non-compliance with the readings of measuring devices of smoke rooms at fish processing plants;
- Storage and sale of feed for non-productive animals without labeling;
- Process violations at meat processing plants; process flow disruptions at meat processing plants;
- Storage and sale of feed for non-productive animals with expired shelf life.



## The most typical violations, responsibility for which is stipulated by part 1, Article 10.6, Code on Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation, are as follows:

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- Absence of perimeter fencing at livestock farms;
- Absence of disinfection barriers at the entrance to the territory of livestock farms;
- Absence of a sanitary checkpoint for changing clothes and shoes, as well as hygienic showers at the entrance to the territory of dairy farms;
- Absence of disinfectant pans at the entrance to facilities subject to state veterinary control (supervision);
- Absence of microbiological control of the air of cold rooms; absence of documents confirming cleaning and disinfection of cold rooms, and protocols of laboratory tests on disinfection efficiency;

## The most typical violations, responsibility for which is stipulated by part 1, Article 10.6, Code on Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation, are as follows:

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- Unsatisfactory condition of facilities subject to state veterinary control (supervision);
- Lack of documents confirming cleaning and sanitary treatment of production facilities and process equipment;
- Failure to comply with the frequency of sanitary control and efficiency of sanitary treatment of process equipment, accessories, and personnel's hands;
- Non-compliance with the frequency of scheduled disinfection of storage and utility rooms.

**The most typical violations, responsibility for which is stipulated by part 1, Article 10.6, Code on Administrative Offenses of the Russian Federation, are as follows:**

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- No sterilizer for disinfecting knives and sharpeners;
- Lack of a separate lockable labeled container that is different in color from other containers for non-food slaughterhouse waste collection;
- Non-compliance with the plan of preventive anti-epizootic measures;
- Failure to comply with animal quarantine regulations;
- Slaughter of livestock at unequipped slaughterhouses.

## **Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation “On Approval of the Veterinary Regulations for the Movement, Storage, Treatment, and Disposal of Biological Waste” of October 26, 2020, No. 626.**

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The document establishes mandatory requirements for individuals and legal entities engaged in the movement, storage, treatment, and disposal of biological waste.

The regulations establish the requirements for waste movement and disinfectants.



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**Thank you!**