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Dear Honourable Member,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 28 January 2022, in which you enquire about the state of play regarding the list of antimicrobials to be reserved for the treatment of certain infections in humans.

The adoption and publication of the implementing act establishing this list is a priority for the Commission, given its major importance in the fight against antimicrobial resistance. While awaiting the scientific advice from the European Medicines Agency on the matter (due by the end of this month), my services have started drafting the implementing act. A meeting with Member States is planned in March 2022 in order to discuss the Agency's anticipated scientific advice report and a first draft of the corresponding implementing act. At this point, we would also welcome the opportunity of an exchange of views with the European Parliament.

You also mention in your letter the implementing act which the Commission may adopt, according to Article 107(6) of the Regulation on veterinary medicinal products. The Agency is currently preparing its advice to the Commission on the list of antimicrobials whose use outside the terms of their marketing authorisation could be banned or restricted. However, priority is being given to the finalisation of the advice on the list of antimicrobials to be reserved for treatment of certain infections in humans and the preparation of the corresponding implementing act.

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Please stay reassured that I continue to do my utmost to support the protection of public health and animal health, while fighting antimicrobial resistance in line with the One Health approach.

Yours sincerely,

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