

Agricultural Marketing Service Livestock and Seed Program

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NHTC Clients:

The FDA recently approved Zilpaterol, a beta agonist for use in cattle. FSIS will be updating the FSIS NHTC Program at <u>http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/nhtcprog.pdf</u> to include Zilpaterol in Group 5 Beta Agonists. However, until that change occurs please note that Zilpaterol is considered a banned substance and can not be used in the production of cattle intended for export to the EU.

More information regarding Zilpaterol can be found at: <u>http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/2006-141-258-</u> <u>nfr0001.pdf#search=%22zilpaterol%2C%20FDA%2C%20CFR%22</u>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding this new banned substance in the NHTC Program.

Sincerely, Dana

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