The United States Aquaculture Society, National Aquaculture Association and North Central Regional Aquaculture Center are offering a free webinar entitled, Use of Veterinary Feed Directive Drugs in Aquaculture.

A veterinary feed directive (VFD) is a written statement issued by a licensed veterinarian that authorizes the use of a VFD drug in animal feed. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a proposed VFD administrative rule in 2000, and Aquaflor® became the first VFD aquaculture drug in 2005. Based upon national initiative to prevent the development of bacterial resistance to antimicrobial drugs used in food animals, FDA issued a VFD Final Rule in 2015. Under this rule, all additional antimicrobial drugs used in aquaculture feed (including Romet® and Terramycin®) will transition from over-the-counter to VFD marketing status effective January 1, 2017. This presentation will discuss the impact of the Final Rule on the producers, distributors and veterinarians using VFD drugs in aquaculture.

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