



UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

2013 RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24 - APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON SHEEP AND GOATS

SUBJECT MATTER: MINOR USE ANIMAL DRUG PROGRAM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The approval of animal drugs for use in minor species is critical to the appropriate treatment of sheep and goat disease and to the maintenance of animal health. The National Research Support Program-7 (NRSP-7) provides much-needed and valuable services to the sheep and goat industries throughout the United States. The continued work of this program will be essential to the sustainability and growth of the industry through the availability of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications for use in sheep and goats.

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) supports and appreciates the efforts of the NRSP-7. The research conducted under this program will be essential to the sustainability of the small ruminant industries and to the maintenance of sheep and goat health. The USAHA acknowledges the importance of research conducted under the NRSP-7.

It is further noted that the Minor Use/Minor Species (MUMS) Grant Program which is referenced in the interim response in 2012 relates only to projects with protocol concurrence, and that the MUAD Program is critical in providing information essential to food safety and animal care and welfare of sheep, goats and other minor species.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association urges Congress to include a permanent funding mechanism for the National Research Support Program-7 (NRSP-7) and urges the United States Food and Drug Administration and the United States Department of Agriculture to include funding for the NRSP-7 in their budget requests at a level that meets the needs of minor use and minor species requests.