

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION – 2007

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 71 APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON SHEEP AND GOATS

SUBJECT MATTER: MINOR USE ANIMAL DRUG PROGRAM

DATE: RENO, NEVADA, OCTOBER 18 – 24, 2007

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 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.

RESOLUTION:

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

RESPONSE:

Food and Drug Administration, Center for Veterinary Medicine

We appreciate your support of this work and are happy to inform you that FDA has continued to fund the liaison position for 2008. Dr. Margaret Oeller is continuing her work as both the liaison to NRSP-7 and now as the Acting Director of the Office of Minor Use and Minor Species (MUMS) at the Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM).