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Division of Docket Management (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane – Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

**Re: Docket No. 2005N-0329 – Designation of New Animal Drugs for Minor Uses and Minor Species**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), established in 1863 and the largest veterinary medical association in the world. As a not-for-profit association established to advance the science and art of veterinary medicine, AVMA is the recognized national voice for the veterinary profession. The association's more than 73,000 members represent approximately 86% of U.S. veterinarians, all of whom are involved in myriad areas of veterinary medical practice including private, corporate, academic, industrial, governmental, military, and public health services.

The AVMA has significant interest in the development of regulations to implement the Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2004. The AVMA respectfully **requests an extension of the comment deadline** in order to continue developing comments to the docket. The crafting of a satisfactory minor use definition, in particular, is so important yet complex that it would benefit from additional contemplation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cordially,

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