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Center for Veterinary Biologics Notice Draft No. 313
“Labeling of Equine Influenza and Swine Influenza Vaccines”

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 art and science of veterinary medicine, AVMA is the recognized national voice for the veterinary profession. The association's more than 75,000 members comprise approximately 86% of U.S. veterinarians, all of whom are involved in a myriad of areas of veterinary medical practice including private, corporate, academic, industrial, governmental, military and public health services.

The American Veterinary Medical Association supports CVB Notice Draft No. 313 which would require information regarding the subtypes and strains, or the parent strain of recombinant/resortant/subunit products, included on the labeling of licensed equine influenza and swine influenza vaccines.

The proposal will likely enhance effective vaccination strategies for currently circulating influenza viruses in swine and horses. The enhanced labeling is consistent with AVMA's promotion of science-based labeling that helps veterinarians make informed vaccine recommendations to animal owners.

Sincerely,

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