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

**RE: Docket No. FDA-2018-D-4533; Compounding Animal Drugs From Bulk Drug Substances; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability**

Mr. Eric Nelson  
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Center for Veterinary Medicine  
Food and Drug Administration  
7519 Standish Pl.  
Rockville, MD 20855 Dear

Mr. Nelson:

The American Veterinary Medical Association respectfully requests **at least** a 120-day extension to the comment period for Docket ID: FDA-2018-D-4533; Compounding Animal Drugs From Bulk Drug Substances; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability.

The COVID-19 pandemic has required the AVMA to focus its efforts on ensuring veterinary practices are deemed essential businesses and providing information and resources for veterinarians so that they are able to continue protecting animal health and welfare and public health, while ensuring to the greatest extent possible the safety of their practice teams and clients. As such, we have not been able to gather feedback from our membership as we normally would.

We thank the FDA for considering our request to extend the comment period. For questions regarding the AVMA's request, please contact Dr. Dharati Szymanski (847-285-6742; [dszymanski@avma.org](mailto:dszymanski@avma.org)) or Dr. Ashley Morgan (202-289-3210; [amorgan@avma.org](mailto:amorgan@avma.org)).

Sincerely,

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*The AVMA, founded in 1863, is one of the oldest and largest veterinary medical organizations in the world, with more than 95,000 member veterinarians worldwide engaged in a wide variety of professional activities and dedicated to the art and science of veterinary medicine.*