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## Avoiding Antimicrobial Resistance: Veterinary Use of Phages for Prevention, Therapy and Control of Bacterial Infections

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### **Activities of the European Pharmacopoeia in the field of bacteriophages**

Rising levels of antimicrobial resistance, identified as one of the leading threats to global public health and development, have prompted renewed interest in the use of phage therapy for the treatment of bacterial infections. This led the European Pharmacopoeia Commission (EPC) to make the creation of European pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.) texts standardising requirements for phage therapy one of its top priorities for the years 2023-2025. The general chapter *Phage therapy medicinal products (5.31)* published in Supplement 11.6, constitutes the first such text and provides a framework of requirements for the production and control of phage therapy products, simultaneously allowing a degree of flexibility commensurate with the complex approaches currently employed in this emerging and rapidly evolving field.

The work is now focused on creating the general chapter on bacteriophage potency determination.