The sale of Veterinary drugs in the various countries of the Middle East differs from country to country. In most areas a very well structured system is in place and backed up by strong laws and regulations. Where an active and strong Inspectorate system is not in place, any regulations and distribution systems are however meaningless.

It is obvious that the Middle East like any other country, and especially like African Countries, needs a channel and legislation to distribute Prescription Only Medicines (POM) to Veterinarians only, but also can not do without a general distribution of non POM animal medicines to bona fide professional animal keepers and pet owners. It is suggested that the EU system of POM drugs only is not suitable for the region but a similar system to that in the UK of POM-V and POM-VPS is more in line with the needs and conditions in this area.

It is suggested that a committee to standardize the nomenclature and methods of distribution to be used in the Middle East would be the first step to standardizing the methods that drugs are distributed that most countries are already following. A strong Inspectorate is also needed to ensure that the system runs smoothly.