Gentian Violet for Animal Drug Use Clarification

In accordance with 21 CFR section 500.30, headed “Gentian Violet for Animal Drug Use”, the FDA states the following: “The FDA has determined that gentian violet is not generally recognized as safe and effective for any veterinary drug use in food animals and is a new animal drug subject to section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. FDA has determined that gentian violet is not exempted from new animal drug status under the ‘grandfather’ provisions of the Drug Amendments of 1962.

As such, any drug that is used on a dairy farm that contains the active ingredient “gentian violet” must not be used on or to treat an animal that produces or is used for food. Furthermore, any animal drug, the label of which indicates that it should not be used on or to treat an animal that produces or is used for food, must not be so used.