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TO: Codex Contact Points
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FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: **Request for comments at step 6 on the draft MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride in cattle liver, kidney and muscle**

DEADLINE: 15 September 2023

BACKGROUND

1. CAC45 adopted the MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride in cattle liver, kidney and muscle at Step 5 (by vote) and agreed to retain the further elaboration of MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride in cattle liver, kidney and muscle in the Commission (REP22/CAC, paragraph 146).
2. It should be noted that CAC45 had welcomed the prospect of further informal consultation by the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission prior to CAC46 to facilitate consensus. While this process is independent from the current request for comments at step 6, the commenting period is sufficiently long for Members and Observers to engage in these informal consultations before submitting their comments.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit comments at Step 6 on all aspects of the draft MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride in cattle liver, kidney and muscle, including possible implications of the draft standard for their economic interests.
4. The draft MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride in cattle liver, kidney and muscle are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>, as per the guidance below.
5. Comments should be provided in conformity with the *Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, Part 3. Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts*, Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

6. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers using the OCS.
7. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers may login to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting "Enter" in the "My reviews" page, available after login to the system.
8. Contact Points of Codex Members and Observers organizations are requested to provide general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
9. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/ocs/en/>.
10. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.