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Comments of Botswana

Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Codex subsidiary bodies

Considering that the scientific evaluation by the 81st meeting of JECFA has indicated that there were no scientific or public health concerns regarding the proposed draft MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride, Botswana has no objection to other countries using *zilpaterol hydrochloride* (beta-agonist) in line with ARfD established and proposed draft MRLs. However, *zilpaterol hydrochloride* cannot be used in Botswana as it will contravene Botswana National legislation *Diseases of Animals (Prohibition of use of Anabolic Hormones and Thyrostatic Substances) Regulations (Chapter 37:01)* which bans the use of beta-agonist as growth promoters in food animals. Furthermore, Botswana has a bilateral trade agreement with European Union (EU) to export meat and meat products to the EU. The EU has banned the use of beta-agonists including *zilpaterol hydrochloride* for growth promotion in food animals as such Botswana as a trading partner cannot use it as well.