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TO: Codex Contact Points
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

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

SUBJECT: **Request for comments on criteria and procedures for the establishment of action levels for unintended and unavoidable carryover of veterinary drugs from feed to food of animal origin**

DEADLINE: **30 January 2023**

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/RVDF 22/26/8[1].

2. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL[2] in order to facilitate the consideration of this matter at the upcoming CCRVDF.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Codex members and observers are invited to submit general and specific comments on the proposed approach (criteria and procedures) for establishing action levels for residues of veterinary drugs in food products from non-target animals linked to the unintended and unavoidable veterinary drug carry-over in non-target animal feed as described in CX/RVDF 23/26/8, Appendix I, Part I based on the data, information and analysis presented in Part II of the said document.

4. In addition, Codex members and observers are invited to provide their views on the following questions:

Q4. Which approach should be used to estimate the veterinary drug carry-over level in non-target animal feed for non-target animal (e.g., hypothetical carry-over rates, highest residue levels in feed from feed mills, etc.)?

Q5. What assumptions should be made in calculating TFs?

Q6. What level of importance should be given to monitoring data when relevant monitoring data is available?

Q7. What approach should be given to determining an appropriate MR:TR (Marker Residue: Total Residue of toxicological concern or microbiological concern) ratio when there is no specific radiolabelled data for a food commodity exposure via veterinary drug carry over?

Q8. Are there other considerations that have not been considered in this risk assessment procedure?

Q9. Are the proposed roles and responsibilities appropriate in establishing action levels?

Q10.Any other considerations not addressed in the above questions that could further assist the consideration of this item.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

5. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.

6. 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.

[1] https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=26
[2] http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/
http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/related-circular-letters/en/?committee=CCRVDF

7. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)[3].

8. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website[4].

9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

[3] http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf
[4] http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/