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Agenda Item 6)

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Sixtieth Session, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, 4-7 December 2007

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS OF CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Matters Arising by 5 November 2007

1. This document includes the updates resulting from the sessions of Codex committees and task forces held since the 30th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2007). The update concerning the work of subsidiary bodies of the Commission that have not yet met at the time of distribution of the present document will be presented in an addendum if required.

I. MATTERS FOR ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2. There are no matters for action by the Executive Committee.

II. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods

3. With regard to Activity 3.3 “Develop committee-specific decision making and priority setting criteria” of the Strategic Plan 2008-2013, the 17th Session of the Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (3-7 September 2007), agreed to refer to the Executive Committee and the Commission the outcome of its discussion under Agenda Item 8 “Priority List of Veterinary Drugs Requiring Evaluation or Re-evaluation” and Agenda Item 10 “Discussion Paper on Risk Management Topics and Options for the CCRVDF”.

Priority List of Veterinary Drugs Requiring Evaluation or Re-evaluation

4. The Committee agreed that the electronic Working Group on Priority would prepare a Priority List of Veterinary Drugs for Evaluation or Re-evaluation by the JECFA with a view to reaching a decision on the safety of residues in food by: i) developing maximum residue limits (MRLs); or ii) informing risk managers on the safety of residues in food if it is likely that an ADI or MRL cannot be recommended.

Discussion Paper on Risk Management Topics and Options for the CCRVDF

5. The Committee considered a number of risk management topics and actions identified by an electronic Working Group; it decided to take immediately up a number of them and to either address in the future, not consider or request further clarification on the remaining ones.

6. Further details on the above discussions can be found in the report of the meeting (ALINORM 08/31/31 paras. 83-94 and 127-136 respectively).

AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON FOODS DERIVED FROM BIOTECHNOLOGY**Completion of work**

7. The 7th Session of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods derived from Biotechnology (24-28 September 2007) agreed to advance three proposed draft documents to Step 5/8 and no further session of the Task Force was foreseen. Should the need for another session arise following the outcome of the 31st Session of the Commission (July 2008), the Host Government would make necessary arrangements in consultation with the Codex Secretariat. Further details can be found in the report of the meeting (ALINORM 08/31/34, paras. 18-35, 36-76, 77-106 and 108).

AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE**Amendment to the Terms of Reference**

8. The 1st Session of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (23-26 October 2007) agreed to forward a proposed amendment to its Terms of Reference to the 31st Session of the Commission for consideration and approval. Further details can be found in the report of the meeting (ALINORM 08/31/42 paras. 6-9).