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Comments of Indonesia on Zilpaterol Hydrochloride

Work from the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)

– Report on further informal consultations on Zilpaterol Hydrochloride by the Chairperson and Vice-chairpersons of the CAC

Currently, Indonesia's regulation does not approve the use of growth promoter, including Zilpaterol Hydrochloride. However, with regard to the work of Codex, Indonesia is consistent with the view that it should be based on scientific principles, specifically based on scientific assessment provided by JECFA. With the fact that the risk assessment conducted by JECFA has concluded that there were no public health or scientific concerns on the proposed MRLs, and the work related to the proposed draft MRLs for zilpaterol had met all the procedural and scientific requirements of Codex standard setting, then Indonesia will not object the advancement of the standard. With that, Indonesia will express our abstention from acceptance of the zilpaterol standard without necessarily preventing the decision by Codex.

Indonesia also noted the complexity of the discussion on MRLs for Zilpaterol Hydrochloride since the first time this substance was discussed. We are of the view that the completion of practical guidance for the operationalization of statements of principles is very important, including to define the scope of the expression "other legitimate factors", so that this issue could not act as restriction during the discussion in the future Codex meeting.

Issue on Zilpaterol has been considered by Codex for a long time and we strongly encourage that the current CAC meeting can provide a final conclusion, so to maintain the credibility of Codex as internationally recognized of standard setting body and Codex standards as reference point in the international food trade. We appreciate the work that have been done by Codex, including the work of Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons of CAC. We believe that they have explored all options to find consensus on this matter. We will support any options offered by Chair, including if Commission has to hold a vote to resolve this issue.