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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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#### Forty-fourth Session

#### WORK FROM THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOOD (CCRVDF) FOR ADOPTION OR APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION

#### Standards and related texts submitted for final adoption

Maximum residue limit for flumethrin (honey)

#### *Comments of El Salvador, Ghana and Philippines*

##### El Salvador

El Salvador apoya la adopción en trámite 8, 5/8 y trámite 5 de las siguientes disposiciones:

- Límites máximos de residuos para la flumetrina (en la miel) (trámite 8)

##### Ghana

Position: Ghana supports the adoption of MRL for flumethrin in Honey at the CAC44

Rationale: This is based on the very low risk posed by this compound in honey and also based on the very low residues found.

##### Philippines

The Philippines supports the Final Adoption of Codex texts and agree to advance the MRL of “unnecessary” for flumethrin in honey at Step 8.

The JECFA Secretariat has already provided the information that the amount of residue of flumethrin that could be expected in honey from the use of Flumethrin in accordance with Good Veterinary Practices (GVP) was very low or not detectable, and unlikely to pose a risk to human health, hence an MRL was considered “unnecessary”.

Maximum residue limits for diflubenzuron (salmon - muscle plus skin in natural proportion)

#### *Comments of Ghana and Philippines*

##### Ghana

Position: Ghana supports adoption of the MRL for diflubenzuron in salmon of 10 µg/kg in muscle plus skin in natural proportion to CAC44 (2021) for adoption at Step 5/8.

Rationale: The drug has low acute oral toxicity on account of JECFA 88.

##### Philippines

The Philippines supports the Final Adoption of Codex texts and agree to advance MRL for diflubenzuron (salmon - muscle plus skin in natural proportion) for adoption at Step 5/8.

Maximum residue limits for halquinol (in swine - muscle, skin plus fat, liver and kidney)

**Comments of El Salvador, Ghana and Philippines**

El Salvador

El Salvador apoya la adopción en trámite 8, 5/8 y trámite 5 de las siguientes disposiciones:

- Límites máximos de residuos para el halquinol (músculo, piel y grasa, hígado y riñón de cerdo) (trámite 5/8)

Ghana

Position: Ghana supports the adoption of the MRL for halquinol (in Swine-mucle, skin plus fat, liver and kidney) at step 5/8 at CAC44.

Rationale: This compound is used significantly in swine and poultry in the Asian and South American countries. Products of poultry and swine are greatly traded between Africa and these countries. It is therefore prudent to have an MRL established to protect public health and enable countries within the African region to have a reference MRL when evaluating these animal products.

Philippines

The Philippines supports the Final Adoption of Codex texts and agree to advance MRLs for halquinol (swine - muscle, skin plus fat, liver and kidney) for adoption at Step 5/8.

Amendment to the *Glossary of Terms and Definitions* (CXA 5-1993): Definition of edible offal

**Comments from El Salvador, Ghana and Philippines**

El Salvador

El Salvador apoya la adopción en trámite 8, 5/8 y trámite 5 de las siguientes disposiciones:

- Enmienda al Glosario de términos y definiciones (CXA 5-1993): definición de despojos comestibles

Ghana

Position: Ghana supports the adoption of the proposed definition for edible offal as "Those parts of an animal, apart from the skeletal muscle, fat and attached skin that are considered fit for human consumption". Ghana support inclusion of this definition in the Glossary of Terms and Definitions (CXA 5-1993) for adoption at CAC44.

Rationale: The adoption of the definition will facilitate ease of identification of offal tissues for elaboration of MRL and establishment of single MRLs for compound with dual uses (as veterinary drugs and as pesticides)

Philippines

The Philippines supports the amendment of Glossary of Terms and Definitions (CXA 5-1993): Definition of Edible Offal:

*Edible offal: Those parts of an animal, apart from the skeletal muscle, fat and attached skin, that are considered fit for human consumption*

**Standards and related texts submitted for adoption at Step 5**

Maximum residue limits for ivermectin (sheep, pigs and goats – fat, kidney, liver and muscle)

***Comments of El Salvador, Ghana and Philippines*****El Salvador**

El Salvador apoya la adopción en trámite 8, 5/8 y trámite 5 de las siguientes disposiciones:

- Límites máximos de residuos para la ivermectina (grasa, riñón, hígado y músculo de oveja, cerdo y cabra) (trámite 5)

**Ghana**

Position: Ghana supports the adoption of the MRL for Ivermectin (sheep, pigs and goats – fat, kidney, liver and muscle) to step 5 by the CAC44.

Rationale: Ivermectin is widely used in Ghana and most African countries against external and internal parasites of livestock and humans. Codex in 2017 adopted MRL for ivermectin in cattle (muscle 30 µg/kg, liver 800 µg/kg, Kidney 100 µg/kg and fat 400 µg/kg). The proposed MRL for ivermectin in Sheep, pig and Goat are substantially lower (muscle 10 µg/kg, Liver 15 µg/kg, kidney 15 µg/kg and fat 20 µg/kg) than the Codex adopted 2017 MRL for cattle. The adoption of the MRL at step 5 will allow for submission of additional data to JECFA for consideration and also allow for another round of comments and consideration by the committee.

**Philippines**

The Philippines supports the Adoption of the MRLs for ivermectin (sheep, goats, pigs – fat, kidney, liver and muscle) at Step 5 to allow Member States to provide further inputs for discussion in the next CCRVDF General Session.

**Other Texts**

Priority List of veterinary drugs for evaluation/re-evaluation by JECFA

***Comments of Philippines*****Philippines**

The Philippines supports the adoption to retain the inclusion of ethoxyquin in the draft priority list of Veterinary Drugs for evaluation or reevaluation by JECFA.

As supported by Costa Rica and Peru in their submitted documents (CX/RVDF 21/25/12), the commitment of India to submit information in the next CCRVDF session and submission of additional information by the Philippines in CRD14, the JECFA may use this information in the establishment of MRL of Ethoxyquin in shrimp muscle