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DATABASE ON COUNTRIES' NEEDS FOR MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS FOR VETERINARY DRUGS

Comments on the recommendations for the further steps on the use and maintenance of the database on countries' needs for MRLs for veterinary drugs in reply to CL 2021/2-RVDF:

Australia, Chile, Egypt, European Union (EU), Iraq, Panama, Peru and Thailand

Background

1. This document compiles comments received through the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS) in response to CL 2021/2-RVDF issued in January 2021.
2. Under the OCS, comments are compiled in the following order: general comments are listed first, followed by comments on specific paragraphs.
3. The comments submitted through the OCS are, hereby attached as Annex I and are presented in table format.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Comments/Rationale	Member/Observer
Australia has no comments on this circular letter.	Australia
<p>Chile expresses its thanks for the proposal of this approach and is in agreement with the recommendations for the use and maintenance (updating) of the database at future CCRVDF meetings.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> This database, which was developed through various electronic working group consultations, is a useful, practical tool for identifying countries' main needs with respect to MRLs of Veterinary Drugs in foods. Therefore, it is necessary to define the terms of reference to ensure it is periodically updated in order to evaluate its usefulness in future CCRVDF work.</p>	Chile
Egypt agrees and supports the recommendations for the approach on the use and maintenance of the database on countries' needs for MRLs for veterinary drugs for future sessions of CCRVDF with no added comments.	Egypt
<p>Reply of the European Union to CL 2021/02/OCS-RVDF on the recommendations for the further steps on the use and maintenance of the database on countries' needs for maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs in foods</p> <p><i>Mixed competence</i> <i>Member States Vote</i></p> <p>The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) support the recommendations for the approach on the use and maintenance of the database on countries' needs for MRLs for veterinary drugs for future sessions of CCRVDF. They provide a structured and transparent way to address countries' needs for MRLs and for maintaining the database.</p>	EU
Agree with recommendation.	Iraq
<p>Panama appreciates the work presented by the Secretariat of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and supports recommendations 1 to 5 of the document entitled: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE APPROACH ON THE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DATABASE ON THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE MATTER OF MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS AT FUTURE CCRVDF MEETINGS; without additional observations, according to the indications established in Circular Letter CL 2021/2 / OCS-RVDF.</p> <p>Similarly, Panama agrees with the mandate to update the INF / DOC based on the discussions and decisions adopted at the 25th meeting of CCRVDF by the United States, in its capacity as Secretariat as host country of CCRVDF. with the assistance of Costa Rica.</p> <p>Panama states that the recommendations presented comply with the work and the conclusions of the debate held at the 24th Meeting of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food (CCRVDF) (2018), and we are sure that it will help in the evaluation or re-evaluation of the database on country needs for MRLs for veterinary drugs by JECFA.</p>	Panama
Peru supports the recommendations for the approach to using and maintaining the database on country needs with respect to maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs in foods in future CCRVDF meetings. In addition, we consider it important to propose that the Excel archive of the database in the INF/DOC be available in the working languages of Codex: English, Spanish, and French.	Peru
Thailand has no objection to the recommendations on the database on countries' needs for Maximum Residue Limits for veterinary drugs in foods. We are of the view that this work would be beneficial for further action by Codex member countries.	Thailand

OTHER COMMENTS

Comments/Rationale	Member/Observer
<p>The wording of paragraph 4 is somewhat confusing and can be interpreted in different ways. The following text is proposed:</p> <p>4. The United States of America, as host of the CCRVDF, will update the INF/DOC with the assistance of Costa Rica or other countries that wish to participate in that work. The incorporation of other countries, which will be subject to approval at each CCRVDF meeting. The Codex Secretariat will provide the INF/DOC repository and the updated database annually.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> The original wording can be interpreted in different ways: that the updating of the database and the participation of countries will remain subject to the approval of the CCRVDF or that only the new countries will be subject to CCRVDF approval in order to participate in the updating. Chile's understanding is that only the incorporation of new countries will be dependent on CCRVDF approval, so it proposes this revised text.</p>	Chile
<p>Appendix 1:</p> <p>Thailand proposes to adjust the table template of the database (information document; INF/DOC) to be more systematic. We suggested that the veterinary drugs should be categorized as a group of compounds corresponding to their specific administration. The table template should clearly illustrate the required information in order to support Codex member countries to achieve a mutual understanding and provide functional information.</p>	Thailand