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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 veterinary drugs in food of animal origin resulting from unavoidable and unintentional veterinary drug carry-over in non-target animal feed

DEADLINE: 5 October 2024

BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/RVDF 24/27/8¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on Recommendations (i) to (iii) as presented in paragraph 10 of CX/RVDF 24/27/8 as follows:
3. Consider the approaches presented in Appendices I and III of CX/RVDF 24/27/8 and indicate your support for one of the approaches.
4. Should the approach presented by the Electronic Working Group (EWG) in Appendix I of CX/RVDF 24/27/8 be supported, provide general and specific comments on the approach, especially on those sections in square brackets, based on the data/information provided in Appendix II of the said working document.
5. Should the approach presented by the EWG in Appendix I be supported, indicate if there is support for the action levels for nicarbazin and lasalocid in chicken eggs as proposed in Appendix II, Part I/Table 7 y and Part II/Table 14, which are reproduced here below for convenience:

Proposed Action Level for Nicarbazin in Chicken Egg

Commodity	Proposed action level (mg/kg)	Notes
Egg	0.220	Marker residue - 4,4'-dinitrocarbanilide (DNC)

Proposed Action Level for Lasalocid in Chicken Egg

Commodity	Proposed action level (mg/kg)	Notes
Egg	0.1	Marker residue – Lasalocid A

6. Should the approach presented by the United States of America in Appendix III of CX/RVDF 24/27/8 be supported, provide general and specific comments on the approach, and indicate sections that should be further developed, if any, or missing data/information that should be included in this approach.
7. In submitting comments, Codex members and observers are kindly invited to consider the data/information presented in CX/RVDF 24/27/8 and that discussion and recommendations made by the 26th Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF26, 2023)².
8. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this circular letter (CL)³ to facilitate the consideration of the recommendations matter at the upcoming CCRVDF.

¹ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=27>

² REP23/RVDF26, paras. 53-102 available for downloading at:
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=26>

³ <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>

GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

9. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
10. Contact Points of Codex members and observers may log in to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting “Enter” in the “My reviews” page, which is available after logging in to the system.
11. Contact Points of Codex member countries and observer 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)⁴.
12. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website⁵.
13. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

⁴ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/OCS/Codex_OCS_FAQs_2017-11-06.pdf

⁵ <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>