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**DRAFT MRL'S FOR VETERINARY DRUGS AT STEP 6**  
**(Draft MRLs for monepantel in sheep tissues)**  
**(replies to CL 2012/23-RVDF, Part A)**

**Comments Submitted from:**  
**Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Egypt, European Union and Peru**

**BRAZIL**

Brazil will wait for the outcome of the request for JECFA to evaluate the safety of the proposed higher MRLs for monepantel in light of the information provided by the Committee.

**CHILE**

**General Comments:**

The Draft MRLs for Monepantel in sheep tissue is supported, to be forwarded to the next Step.

**Rationale:**

It is important for the Codex to advance the active substance's study and MRLs determination, normally used in animals, for which Codex has not established a specific MRL.

**COSTA RICA**

Costa Rica appreciates the opportunity to present comments for Draft Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for Monepantel (sheep tissues).

Monepantel active ingredient for sheep is not registered in Costa Rica. Nevertheless, it is a product used under good veterinary practices; therefore it does not present a risk for the consumer, or the international trade. Hence, Costa Rica agrees to advance it to the next Step.

**EGYPT**

Egypt approves the adoption at step 5 of the Elaboration procedure and the Advancement to step 6 to be considered by the 21<sup>st</sup> CCRVDF (United States of America, 26-30 August 2013 )

**EUROPEAN UNION**

The EU notes that 20<sup>th</sup> CCRVDF requested JECFA to evaluate the safety of a set of higher MRLs<sup>1</sup> than originally recommended by JECFA. The EU suggests keeping the draft MRLs at step 7 and considering their advancement after receiving JECFA's response.

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The Technical Commission on Residues of Veterinary Drugs does not have any comments to CL 2012/23-RVDF "Request of comments and information at Step 6 for Draft Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for Monepantel (sheep tissues).

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<sup>1</sup> Muscle 700 µg/kg, liver 5000 µg/kg, kidney 2000 µg/kg, fat 7000 µg/kg