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**PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES ON PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS FOR MULTI-RESIDUES
METHODS (APPENDIX TO CAC/GL 71-2009) (N01-2011)**

Comments at Step 3 Submitted by:

Kenya, Nigeria and African Union (AU)

KENYA

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SPECIFIC COMMENT

Kenya recommends that member states adopt these guidelines because MRMs can successfully detect residues of a variety of different veterinary drugs compared to single analyte methods.

This should be included as an Appendix to the *Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals (CAC/GL 71-2009)*.

NIGERIA

Nigeria considers the Multi Residues Methods CX/RVDF 13/21/7 appropriate and very useful for developing countries where combinations of analytes (active ingredients) of veterinary drugs are commonly used. However, we enjoin international cooperation for capacity building (equipment support and training of manpower) for domestic use of the methods.

AFRICAN UNION (AU)

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AU recommends adoption of these guidelines.

AU encourages the establishment of regional reference laboratories.

The proposal should be advanced to the next step.