



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS**  
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CCRVDF**

(replies to CL 2012/11 Part B, Point 6)

**Comments Submitted by:**

**Kenya, Nigeria and African Union (AU)**

**KENYA**

We agree on the amendment to point (c) of the Terms of Reference, as proposed in Appendix II of the Report of the Twentieth Session, but considered the inclusion of point (e) unnecessary. This is because the intent and the content of point (e) is well captured in (c) which states '**to consider other risk management matters in relation to the safety of veterinary drug residues in food, including the development of codes of practice as may be required**'

And therefore we recommend that Terms of Reference a, b, c and d be accepted with the proposed amendments to (c).

**NIGERIA**

Nigeria supports the proposed amendment to point (c) of the Terms of Reference in Appendix II and recommend deletion of point (e) as follows:

**Terms of reference**

- (a) to determine priorities for the consideration of residues of veterinary drugs in foods;
- (b) to recommend maximum levels of such substances;
- (c) to consider other risk management matters in relation to the safety of veterinary drug residues in food, including the development of ~~to develop~~ codes of practice as may be required;
- (d) to consider methods of sampling and analysis for the determination of veterinary drug residues in foods;
- ~~(e) to consider risk management and communication recommendations when after assessment of a veterinary drug, the JECFA recommends no ADI and/or MRL due to specific human health concerns.~~

**Justification**

Nigeria is of the opinion that item c captures risk communication as part of risk management matters and therefore TOR items a, b, c, d are adequate.

**AFRICAN UNION (AU)**

African Experts agreed on the amendment to point (c) of the Terms of Reference, as proposed in Appendix II of the Report of the Twentieth Session, but considered the inclusion of point (e) unnecessary. This is because the intent and the content of point (e) is well captured in (c).

AU recommends that Terms of Reference a, b, c and d be accepted with the proposed amendments to (c).