

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



CALL FOR STAKEHOLDERS ON CARRY-OVER FROM FEED TO FOOD OF UNAVOIDABLE AND UNINTENDED RESIDUES OF APPROVED VETERINARY DRUGS

(for FAO/WHO Stakeholder Meeting – Rome, Italy - 7 January 2019)

Deadline: 15 November 2018

Background

The 23rd Codex Committee on Residue of Veterinary Drugs in Food has requested FAO and WHO to provide scientific advice to address the issue of unintended presence of residues of approved veterinary drugs in food of animal origin resulting from carry-over of veterinary drugs in feed.

Even under circumstances where all relevant good practices (e.g. GAP, GMP, etc.) had been fully implemented and followed in feed manufacturing facilities, an unintended and unavoidable presence of low levels of certain veterinary drugs in feed lots that follow the production of medicated feed can be observed. To evaluate any potential consequences for food safety from such feed, it is critical to determine whether such low-level presence of residues in food associated with unavoidable and unintended carry-over in feed: (i) would constitute a threat to human health; and (ii) would impact negatively on trade. In addition, potential risk management measures should be developed to mitigate any risk as necessary.

This information will be used to evaluate the need for any new work or revision of Codex Code of Practise on Good Animal Feeding or on the development of specific guidance or capacity development assistance to countries for implementing the Code.

Objective of this call

The objective of this call is to identify relevant stakeholder organizations or institutions to participate in an FAO/WHO stakeholder meeting on carry-over from feed to food of unavoidable and unintended residues of approved veterinary drugs that will take place in Rome on 7 January 2019 to guide the elaboration of appropriate Codex texts and advise FAO, WHO and their Member States.

Stakeholders' expressions of interest

Stakeholders interested to participate in the meeting described above should express their interest by 15 November to <u>Daniela.Battaglia@fao.org</u>, <u>Saskia.Reppin@fao.org</u> and <u>verger@who.int</u> and send a description of their organization/institution (max 500 words) with an indication of a contact person and his/her email. They should explain in max 300 words why the organization/institution should be consulted on unavoidable and unintended residues of approved veterinary drugs in foods resulting from carry-over of veterinary drugs in feed.

To be invited organizations/institutions will have to belong to the public or private sector, civil society, academia or research, competent and/or involved in a sector of relevance for the carry-over from feed to food of unavoidable and unintended residues of approved veterinary drugs (e.g. animal health, animal feed, etc.) with a recognized level of expertise in their sector.

The cost of participation will not be covered by FAO or WHO and stakeholders need to make their own travel arrangements. Accepted stakeholders will be invited by mid-December 2018. The meeting will be conducted in English. Stakeholders that have not received a dedicated invitation will not be accepted to the meeting.

Additional information

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