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Agenda Item 1

CX/RVDF 09/18/1
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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS

Eighteenth Session

Natal, Brazil, 11-15 May 2009

To be held at the SERHS Natal Grand Hotel
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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	<u>Texts at Step 6 of the Elaboration Procedure</u>	
6	Draft Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals	ALINORM 08/31/31 App. VI
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments at Step 6 (CL 2007/37-RVDF) <u>Methods of Analysis for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods</u>	CX/RVDF 09/18/6
7	Discussion paper on consideration of methods of Analysis and Sampling in CCRVDF (Report of the electronic Working Group on Methods of Analysis and Sampling)	CX/RVDF 09/18/7
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments <u>Priority List of Veterinary Drugs requiring Evaluation or Re-Evaluation</u>	CX/RVDF 09/18/7 Add.1
8	Draft Priority list of veterinary drugs requiring evaluation of re-evaluation by JECFA and working document listing veterinary drugs of potential interest (Report of the electronic Working Group on Priority List of Veterinary Drugs Requiring Evaluation or Re-evaluation)	CX/RVDF 09/18/8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments <u>Risk Management Topics and Option for the CCRVDF</u>	CX/RVDF 09/18/8 Add.1
9	Discussion paper on current practices and needs for further work by the Committee (Report of the electronic Working Group on Risk Management Topics and Options)	CX/RVDF 09/18/9 Part I CX/RVDF 09/18/9 Part II
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INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

Information Document for Support to the Discussion on the MRLs for veterinary drugs [RVDF/18 INF/01](#)

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. Ref. CX/RVDF 09/18/1) : In accordance with Rule VII.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda.

Item 2 - Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces (Doc. Ref. CX/RVDF 09/18/2) : The item includes matters related to the Committee arising from sessions of the Commission and the other Codex Committees, including the last 17th Session of the CCRVDF (ALINORM 08/31/31, para. 105).

Item 3 - Matters arising from FAO/WHO and from the 70th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) (Doc. Ref. CX/RVDF 09/18/3): The document is a paper prepared by the FAO/WHO includes matters from FAO and WHO and from the 70th JECFA meeting referred to the Committee for action and information.

Item 4 - Report on OIE Activities, including the Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (Doc. Ref. CX/RVDF 09/18/4): The document is a report on the relevant activities of the OIE and VICH.

Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Veterinary Drugs

Item 5(a) - Draft Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs (at Step 7) (Doc. Ref. ALINORM 08/31/31, App. IV): The Committee will consider the draft MRLs for melengestrol acetate, retained at Step 7 by its 17th Session (ALINORM 08/31/31, para. 43).

Item 5(b) - Proposed Draft Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs (at Step 4) (Doc. Ref. CX/RVDF 09/18/5): The Committee will consider the proposed draft MRL recommended by the 70th Meeting of JECFA. Comments at Step 3 are summarised in working document CX/RVDF 09/18/5 Add.1.

Texts at Step 6 of the Elaboration Procedure

Item 6 - Draft Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals (Doc. Ref. ALINORM 08/31/31, App. VI): The Committee will consider the draft Guidelines circulated for comments at Step 6 by its 17th Session (ALINORM 08/31/31, para. 75 and Appendix VI). Comments at Step 6, submitted in response to CL 2007/37-RVDF, are summarised in document CX/RVDF 09/18/6.

Methods of Analysis for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods

Item 7 - Discussion paper on consideration of methods of Analysis and Sampling in CCRVDF (Report of the electronic Working Group on Methods of Analysis and Sampling) (Doc. Ref. CX/RVDF 09/18/7): The 17th Session of the Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, led by the Delegations of Canada and United Kingdom, to prepare a discussion paper to address: i) the future of the Compendium of Methods of Analysis Identified as Suitable to Support Codex MRLs; ii) the link between analytical methods and advancing Codex MRLs to Step 8; and iii) the criteria necessary for analytical methods to be assessed and considered acceptable (ALINORM 08/31/31, para. 80). Comments on the report of the electronic Working Group are summarised in document CX/RVDF 09/18/7 Add.1.

Priority List of Veterinary Drugs Requiring Evaluation or Re-evaluation

Item 8 - Draft Priority list of veterinary drugs requiring evaluation of re-evaluation by JECFA and working document listing veterinary drugs of potential interest (Report of the electronic Working Group on Priority List of Veterinary Drugs Requiring Evaluation or Re-evaluation) (Doc. Ref. CX/RVDF 09/18/8): The 17th Session of the Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, under the chairmanship of Australia, that, based on the replies to CL 2007/42-RVDF would prepare: (i) a Priority List of Veterinary Drugs for Evaluation or Re-evaluation by the JECFA with a view to reaching a decision on the safety of residues in food by developing maximum residue limits (MRLs); or informing risk managers on the safety of residues in food if it is likely that an ADI or MRL cannot be recommended; and (ii) a working document listing veterinary drugs of potential interest, based Annex 1 to document CX/RVDF 07/17/12 “Starting Point for a Priority List of Veterinary Drugs for Discussion at the 17th CCRVDF”. The Committee requested the electronic Working Group to include the proposal submitted by the Delegations of Guatemala and Japan, as contained in document CX/RVDF 07/17/12 Add.2, in the working document listing

veterinary drugs of potential interest (ALINORM 08/31/31, paras 93-94). Comments on the report of the electronic Working Group are summarised in document CX/RVDF 09/18/8 Add.1.

Risk Management Topics and Option for the CCRVDF

Item 9 – Discussion paper on current practices and needs for further work by the Committee (Report of the electronic Working Group on Risk Management Topics and Options) (Doc. Ref. CX/RVDF 09/18/9): The 17th Session of the Committee agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, under the chairmanship of France, to prepare a discussion paper that would: (i) review the information provided in response to the CL 2007/37-RVDF, part C.3; and (ii) assess whether it would provide sufficient ground for further work by the Committee and, where appropriate, would prepare a project document describing possible new work for consideration by the Committee or recommend delaying further action. The discussion paper should address possible changes in the status of the proposals listed in document CX/RVDF 07/17/13 and make appropriate recommendations to the Committee for further consideration and action and collate new proposals with relevant background information and appropriate recommendations to the Committee (ALINORM 08/31/31, paras 130-135). Comments on the report of the electronic Working Group are summarised in document CX/RVDF 09/18/9 Add.1.

Item 10 - Other Business and Future Work: The Committee will discuss issues raised under Item 1.

Item 11 - Date and Place of Next Session: The Committee will be advised of the tentative dates and place of the next Session.

Item 12 - Adoption of the report: In accordance with Rule X.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall adopt the report of its Eighteenth Session based on a draft provided by the Secretariat