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Agenda item 6

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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*Comments submitted by the European Union*

#### Agenda item 6 – MRLs for veterinary drugs in food

*European Union Competence*

*European Union Vote*

#### **Ivermectin**

The European Union (EU) notes that the proposed draft MRLs for ivermectin in pigs, sheep and goats recommended by the 94<sup>th</sup> JECFA and circulated for comments at step 3 with CL 2022/71-RVDF are higher than the ones recommended by the 88<sup>th</sup> JECFA.

For sheep and goats, the recommended MRLs for muscle and fat are now the same as those established in the EU, while the recommended MRLs for liver and kidney remain lower than those established in the EU. For pigs, all MRLs recommended by JECFA remain below those established in the EU.

As none of the MRLs recommended by JECFA exceed those established in the EU, they do not represent consumer safety concerns.

The EU suggests discontinuing the work on earlier proposals for ivermectin MRLs circulated for comments at step 6 with CL 2022/71-RVDF.

#### **Nicarbazin**

The EU supports the proposed draft MRLs for nicarbazin in chicken as recommended by 94<sup>th</sup> JECFA and circulated for comments at step 3 with CL 2022/71-RVDF as they do not represent consumer safety concerns.