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Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
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SUBJECT: Request for Comments at Step 6 on the draft Guidelines for the Control of Trichinella spp. in Meat of Suidae

DEADLINE: 10 October 2014

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BACKGROUND

1. The 45th Session of the Committee on Food Hygiene (CCCFH) agreed to advance the proposed Draft Guidelines for the Control of Trichinella spp. in Meat of Suidae to the 46th Session of the Commission for adoption at Step 5/8 (REP14/FH, para. 64 and Appendix III).

2. The 36th Session of the Commission adopted the proposed draft Guidelines at Step 5 only with the understanding that further consideration of the Guidelines in CCFH would be focused on sections 7.3 and 9 (REP14/CAC, para. 51-52, Appendix IV).

Request for comments

3. Comments are hereby requested at Step 6 on the Draft Guidelines for the Control of Trichinella spp. in Meat of Suidae as presented in Appendix III of REP14/FH. The document is available at the following address: ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/reports/reports_2014/REP14_FHe.pdf.

4. Comments should focus on sections 7.3 and 9 as per para. 2 above.

5. Governments and international organizations wishing to provide comments should do so in writing preferably by e-mail to the above addresses before 10 October 2014.