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COMMENTS ON THE REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE-BASED CRITERIA FOR METHODS OF ANALYSIS FOR VETERINARY DRUG RESIDUES IN FOODS

CZECH REPUBLIC

1. We agree with submitted proposal and we haven´t any comments on this subject.

MOLDOVA

2. I would like to inform you that the Republic of Moldova has no remarks or comments.

NEW ZEALAND

3. New Zealand is concerned that recommendation (a.) in paragraph 16 is ambiguous – it is not clear what should be harmonized, as it is not clear to what the word "those" refers: the MRLs, the different methods presented to the Committees, or the procedure for identifying suitable methods.

3. New Zealand would support recommendation (a.) if its wording were clarified to read:

> "That the Committee (CCRVDF) support attempts to harmonize with CCMAS and CCPR the necessary elements of analytical methods and the supporting method validation on which an application for a Codex MRL is based."

4. New Zealand supports recommendation (b).

UNITED KINGDOM

5. This paper follows on from an action at the last meeting of the CCRVDF to provide information on moves towards the validation required of a single laboratory as opposed to collaborative testing. The document proposes that the ad hoc analytical group keeps the issue under review and supports the international moves in this area. This does not raise any issues for the UK and we can support the recommendations in the paper.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

6. The European Community supports attempts to harmonise performance criteria for methods to be employed for the control of residues.

7. The European Community would also support the confirmation of the general statement of CCMAS that single laboratory validation could be used for Codex purposes. We agree that guidance on the general technical details should be developed. The establishment of a laboratory network including routine and reference laboratories is also recommended for this purpose.

8. We agree with the statement that a key feature of the single laboratory evaluation procedure is quality assurance. Laboratories involved in residue testing programmes for regulatory purposes should be requested to implement quality assurance systems according to international standards such as EN 45001/ISO or Guide 25.

9. We consider it necessary that the existing international or multi-organizational method validation documents are considered. During the previous 12th Codex Committee for residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food, a draft *"proposal on performance based criteria for routine methods of analysis for residues of veterinary drugs in food"* was distributed as a conference room document (CRD 10). This document includes performance criteria and validation parameters for analytical methods and we therefore suggest that a working group should also take this document into account.