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### CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS

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### DRAFT MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS FOR VETERINARY DRUGS

#### COMMENTS AT STEP 6

**Comments submitted by United States in response to CL 2003/24-RVDF**

#### UNITED STATES

This responds to CL 2003/24-RVDF which requests comments on Draft Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs (MRLVDs) at Step 6. The United States appreciates the opportunity to provide the following comments for consideration at the forthcoming 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods.

The United States offers the following comments:

#### **Cefuroxime:**

The U.S. has reviewed the recommendations submitted by JECFA and supports the recommendation of the 62<sup>nd</sup> JECFA to withdraw the temporary MRLs in cattle milk because insufficient information was provided to evaluate residues in cattle milk.

#### **Cyhalothrin**

The United States supports advancing the recommended MRLs because the ADI and MRLs are now permanent. The U.S. notes that CL 2004/17-RVDF indicates that the MRL in sheep liver is 20 µg/kg, whereas the 62<sup>nd</sup> JECFA summary indicates the MRL in sheep liver is 50 µg/kg.

#### **Phoxim**

The U.S. supports the 62<sup>nd</sup> JECFA recommendation to withdraw the temporary MRLs for cattle tissues and milk. The MRLs for sheep, pigs and goats are maintained.