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TO: Codex Contact Points
Interested International Organizations

FROM: Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy

SUBJECT: **Distribution of the Report of the Fourteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (ALINORM 03/31A)**

The report of the Fourteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF) is attached. It will be considered by the 26th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, 30 June - 5 July 2003)

PART A: MATTERS FOR ADOPTION BY THE 26TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AT STEP 8, STEP 5/8 AND STEP 5

- i. **Draft Maximum Residue Limits at Step 8** (ALINORM 03/31A, Appendix II)
- ii. **Draft Maximum Residue Limits at Step 5/8** (ALINORM 03/31A, Appendix III)
- iii. **Proposed Draft Maximum Residue Limits at Step 5** (ALINORM 03/31A, Appendix V)

Governments and interested international organizations are invited to comment on the above texts and should do so in conformity with the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (*Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual*, Twelfth Edition, pages 20-21). Comments should be forwarded to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (fax +39 06 57054593; e-mail codex@fao.org), **not later than 16 May 2003.**

PART B: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

- i. **Proposed Draft Revised Guidelines for the Establishment of a Regulatory Program for the Control of Veterinary Drug Residues in Foods, including Appendix on the Prevention and Control of Drug Residues in Milk and Milk Products** (CX/RVDF 03/7 and CX/RVDF 03/5). See also paras. 83 through 85 and paras. 69 through 72 of this report.
- ii. **Proposed Draft Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Antimicrobial Resistance** (CX/RVDF 03/6). See also paras. 73 through 80 of this report.

Governments and interested international organizations are invited to provide their comments on the above texts (CX/RVDF 03/7, CX/RVDF 03/5 and CX/RVDF 03/6). Comments should be forwarded to U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service - US Department of Agriculture, Room 4861 South Building, 14000 Independence Ave., SW - Washington, DC, 2025 USA (fax. +1 202 720 3157; e-mail: uscodex@usda.gov) with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (fax +39 06 57054593; e-mail codex@fao.org), **not later than 30 June 2003.**

PART C: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- i. **Information on needs of developing countries related to validation of analytical methods.** The 14th CCRVDF in discussing the recommendations of the report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Methods of Analysis and Sampling noted that in order to better address the needs of developing countries, criteria for methods of validation needed to be developed. In this regard it was suggested that developing countries may wish to assess methodology needs in order to submit these concerns for consideration by the *ad hoc* Working Group and consequently by the CCRVDF (see paras. 102 through 104 of this report).

Governments and interested international organizations wishing to provide information on the above should do so in writing to the U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service - US Department of Agriculture, Room 4861 South Building, 14000 Independence Ave., SW - Washington, DC, 2025 USA (fax. +1 202 720 3157; e-mail: uscodex@usda.gov) with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (fax +39 06 57054593; e-mail codex@fao.org), **not later than 30 December 2003.**