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Agenda Item 3, 4, 6(a), 6(b), 6(c), 6(d), 8(a), 8(b)

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS
Twenty-second Session
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COMMENTS OF NIGERIA

Agenda Item 3 - Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees

Nigeria took note of the matters adopted at the 37th session of the CAC and wishes to state that we have commenced implementation of risk management recommendations through public awareness and sensitization of relevant stakeholders.

Codex strategic plan 2014 – 2019

Nigeria took note of the four strategic goals, objectives, activities, expected outcomes and the measurable indicators, outputs as outlined in the plan. Nigeria found all these activities relevant to the work of the committee.

Nigeria also took note of the guidance on information documents and will key into the strategic plan 2014 – 2019.

Agenda Item 4 - Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 78th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)

Gentian Violet

Nigeria notes the report of the 78th Meeting of JECFA that there was limited information on residues of Gentian Violet which is structurally related to Malachite Green. However Nigeria recommends that further studies should be done on residues of Gentian Violet in food.

Recombinant bovine somatotropins (rbST)

Nigeria having reviewed the report based on the questions forwarded to JECFA 78th by CCRVDF 21, recommends the adoption of rbST at step 8.

Zilpaterol hydrochloride

Nigeria notes the report from JECFA 78th but observed that there was a need for more data to determine the MRL however Nigeria recommends that there is a need to wait for further reports from JECFA.

Dietary exposure to Veterinary Drug Residues

Nigeria notes that JECFA has adopted a new methodology on assessment of exposure to Veterinary drugs residues and recommends that the new approach should be used side by side with the old method of model diet approach until more experience has been obtained in the interpretation of the results with the new approach.

Extrapolation of MRLs to minor species

Nigeria notes the definitions of extrapolation and extension and recommends that JECFA continues to undertake studies in minor species.

MRLs for Veterinary Drug Residues in Honey

Nigeria will endeavor to provide National monitoring data on contaminants and residues of Veterinary drugs in Honey production.

Scope of MRLs established by JECFA relating to fish and fish species

Nigeria notes JECFA 78th clarification on Fish and Fish species and recommends that JECFA conducts further studies in this area.

Nigeria notes JECFA's procedures in making requests for scientific advice and would abide by that procedure with the intention of making JECFA's work easier.

Consumption Data Tool

Nigeria is currently engaged in producing a food consumption data statistics.

FAO/WHO Activities on antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

Nigeria noted the FAO/WHO activities on antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Nigeria has developed strategies to control antimicrobial resistance in line with CODEX and OIE guidelines.

Handbook on Risk Communication in Food Safety

Nigeria notes the publication of the Handbook on Risk Communication in Food Safety. Nigeria also noted that it would be a good guidance on risk communication and this handbook will be used to develop the country's own risk communication strategies in Food Safety.

Response to specific requests from the 21st session of CCRVDF on Chlorpromazine, Dimetridazole, Ipronidazole, Metronidazole and Ronidazole.

Nigeria notes the response of JECFA to the request made on Chlorpromazine, Dimetridazole, Ipronidazole, Metronidazole and Ronidazole. Nigeria is in agreement with JECFA's recommendation that these drugs should not be used in food producing animals.

Agenda Item 6(a) - Draft MRLs for Monepantel, at Step 7

Nigeria recommends acceptance of the proposed higher MRL and acceleration to step 5/8

Agenda Item 6(b) - Proposed draft MRLs for Derquantel at Step 4

Nigeria recommends acceptance of the revised MRL and recommends acceleration to step 5

Agenda Item 6(c)

Emamectin benzoate

Nigeria recommends the advancement of the MRLs to the next step

Ivermectin

Nigeria recommends the advancement of the MRLs to the next step

Lasolacid Sodium

Nigeria recommends the advancement of the MRLs to the next step

Agenda Item 6(d) - Proposed draft RMRs for Dimitridazole, Ipronidazole, Metronidazole and Ronidazole at Step 4

Nigeria supports JECFA's evaluation of Nitromidazoles and is in agreement with the recommendations.

Agenda Item 8(a) - Draft priority list of veterinary drugs requiring evaluation or re-evaluation by JECFA (Report of the EWG on Priority)

Nigeria notes the work done by the EWG and appreciates their efforts and recommendations to the CAC.

Agenda Item 8(b) - Alternative approach to move compounds from the database on countries need for MRLs to the JECFA Priority list

Nigeria notes the excellent write up on the alternate approach to move compounds from the database on countries' need for MRLs to the JECFA Priority List and wishes to inform the Committee that Nigeria is already participating in this new approach by sending the list of commonly used Veterinary drugs to FAO. Nigeria will continue to participate actively in the work of the Electronic Working Group (EWG) whenever we are contacted.