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**SUBJECT:** Request for Comments at Step 6 on the draft Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding: Definition of "Feed Additives" and paragraphs 11, 12 and 13 (ALINORM 03/38A, Appendix II)

**DEADLINE:** 31 December 2003

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## BACKGROUND

The 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (30 June - 7 July 2003) adopted the proposed draft Code on Good Animal Feeding at Step 5. It advanced the text to Step 8 (with the omission of Step 6 and 7) with the exception of the definition of "feed additives" and paragraphs 11, 12 and 13 that were advanced to Step 6 only for further consideration by an additional session of the *ad hoc* Task Force on Animal Feeding (ALINORM 03/41, para. 41 and Appendix VI) .

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Governments and international organizations are invited to comment at Step 6, as directed above, on the definition of "feed additives" and paragraphs 11, 12 and 13 of the draft Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding (ALINORM 03/38A, Appendix II) in conformity with the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (see *Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual*, Twelfth Edition, pages. 19-21) **not later than 31 December 2003.**

For easy of reference please find below a relevant extract from ALINORM 03/38A, Appendix II

**Feed Additives:** Any intentionally added ingredient not normally consumed as feed by itself, whether or not it has a nutritional value, which affects the characteristics of feed or animal products

Para. 11 Competent authorities may decide that feed and feed ingredients consisting, containing or produced from GMOs should be labelled with references to the genetic modification as a risk management measure.

Para. 12 Traceability/product tracing of feed and feed ingredients, including additives, should be enabled by proper labelling and record keeping at all stages of production and distribution. This should facilitate the prompt trace-back or trace-forward of materials and products if any actual or potential health risks are identified, and prompt and complete withdrawal or recall of products where necessary. Records should be maintained and readily available regarding the production, distribution and use of feed and feed ingredients for as long as appropriate to enable trace-back should a safety problem emerge, and representative samples of feed and feed ingredients should be kept where applicable for a suitable period of time.

Para. 13 Feed manufacturers should keep records containing full details of the supplier and date of receipt of feed ingredients, of the manufacturing process and the destination of all feed. These records could include:

- inventory records (including labels and invoices on received goods), actual formulae, mixing sheets, daily production logs, files of complaints, files on manufacturing errors and corrective actions taken, analytical results and investigations of out-of-tolerance sample results, records respecting the disposition of returned and recalled feeds and feed ingredients, records of the disposition of flushed or recovered material, records of mixer validation and scale/metering device verification, etc.