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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
**AD HOC CODEX INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE
ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE**

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**MATTERS REFERRED TO THE TASK FORCE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES**

**GENERAL DECISION OF THE 32ND SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION
(Rome, Italy, 29 June – 4 July 2009)**

1. The Commission adopted several amendments to the Procedural Manual, 28 new or revised Codex standards or related texts or amendments to these texts and many new or revised provisions for additives and MRLs for pesticides and veterinary drugs. It also approved several new work proposals and proposals for discontinuation of work. A complete list of these texts and details of their consideration could be found in ALINORM 09/32/REP, which is available from: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net>.

2. The paragraphs below give information on some decisions of the Commission of interest to the Task Force.

Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals

3. The Commission adopted the Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals (CAC/GL 67-2009), as proposed by the Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods and noted that the Guidelines would supersede the *Guidelines for the Establishment of a Regulatory Programme for Control of Veterinary Drug Residues in Foods* (CAC/GL 16-1993) and *Code of Practice for Control of the Use of Veterinary Drugs* (CAC/RCP 38-1993) (see ALINORM 09/32/REP para. 63 and Appendix III)..

Future Work on Animal Feeding

4. The Commission continued its discussion on possible new work on animal feeding on the basis of the report of an electronic working group, which was charged to prepare a (i) a proposal for the scope and the terms of reference of future work on animal feeding, taking into consideration the conclusion and recommendation of the FAO/WHO expert meeting on Animal Feeding Impact on Food Safety; and (ii) a proposal for a suitable mechanism for Codex to carry out this work.

5. The Commission concluded its discussion recognising the full support for further Codex work on animal feeding. The Commission agreed to establish an electronic working group, to: (i) Review of existing Codex risk analysis principles as to their applicability to animal feed; (ii) Review of Codex texts on emergency situation and exchange of information on rejected food as to their applicability to animal feed (CAC/GL 25-1997 and CAC/GL 19-1995); (iii) Review of the Codex *Code of Practice for Sources Directed Measures to Reduce Contamination of Food with Chemical* (CAC/RCP 49-2001) as to their applicability to animal feed; and (iv) Propose suitable mechanisms for addressing the remaining three items proposed by the electronic working group to the 32nd Session of the Commission. The report and comments submitted would be considered by the 33rd Session of the Commission (see ALINORM 09/32/REP paras 170-176).