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FROM Secretariat,
Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT **Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed (CXM 4-1989)**
Common definition of edible animal tissues for the establishment of maximum residue limits for compounds with dual uses as pesticides and veterinary drugs for use by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues and the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
Request for comments at Step 3

DEADLINE 20 March 2019

COMMENTS To:

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BACKGROUND

1. See CX/PR 19/51/12.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments, through their Contact Points, on the questions raised in CX/PR 19/51/12 which are reproduced in the Annex for convenience.
3. When submitting comments on the questions listed in the Annex, Codex members and observers are invited to take account of the background, discussion and conclusions provided in CX/PR 19/51/12.
4. Plant protection and veterinary services of Codex member countries are kindly invited to share this document and consider the issues raised in the paper (including conclusions and recommendations if any) and provide feedback to CCPR accordingly. Codex observer organizations having interest in compounds with dual uses are invited to do the same. Relevant work of JECFA and JMPR on harmonization of risk assessment procedures for the safety evaluation of pesticides and veterinary drugs as reported under Agenda Item 4(a) should also be taken into account when considering this paper.
5. Comments should be submitted in writing in conformity with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (see Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission) preferably in word file to facilitate compilation and translation of comments.

ANNEX

Codex members and observers are invited to provide comments on the following questions:

1. CCRVDF uses the term muscle, while CCPR uses meat. Can these terms be consolidated? If so, what is the appropriate term to use?
2. Is the proposed consolidated edible offal definition acceptable: "Those parts of an animal, apart from meat from the carcass, that are considered fit for human consumption".
3. Should a consolidated edible offal hierarchical classification be used for CCPR and CCRVDF and how can this be accomplished?
4. Can animal extrapolation rules be developed for both CCPR and CCRVDF using representative animal edible offal tissues.
5. What is the best procedure to establish harmonized descriptors? Examples include different descriptors such as "fat", "fat with skin", "fat/skin" and "skin".
6. Should honey be included in the Classification system as a miscellaneous commodity? If so, should honey be included in Class B (primary food commodities of animal origin) or Class E (processed food of animal origin)?