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WORK OF CODEX COMMITTEES (ADOPTION, NEW WORK, REVOCATION, DISCONTINUATION AND AMENDMENTS TO CODEX TEXTS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE): CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS

(Comments of the European Union)

The European Union (EU) supports the adoption of all the proposed draft MRLs in Appendices II and III to REP23/RVDF at Step 5/8 with the exception of the reservations for the draft MRLs for the substances/commodities listed below and of any additional reservations for draft MRLs for substances/commodities the EU may express orally during the session. The EU requests that all its reservations be included in the report of CAC46.

1. Reservation on the advancement of the MRLs for ivermectin in kidney and liver of sheep and goats and for all tissues of pigs, given that the MRLs are lower than the corresponding EU MRLs.
2. Reservation on the advancement of the MRL for nicarbazin in kidney of Chicken for which the EU MRL is lower than the proposed Codex MRL.
3. Reservation on the advancement of the MRLs for:
 - tetracyclines in ruminant muscle, liver and kidney,
 - deltamethrin in ruminant muscle, fat, liver and kidney,
 - spectinomycin in ruminant muscle, fat and liver and
 - tilimicosin in ruminant muscle and fat

given that they are higher than the corresponding EU MRLs. The MRLs may also represent a safety concern as the ADI will be exceeded if assessed with the Theoretical Maximum Daily Intake (TDMI) approach used by the EU.