



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**  
**CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS**

**Twenty-third Session**

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**MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

**PART 1 – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

1. The Committee is invited to note the following matters:

**38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC38)**

**Amendments to the Procedural Manual<sup>1</sup>**

2. CAC38 adopted the revision of the *Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts*. The amendments are reflected in the 24<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Procedural Manual.

**Standards and Related Texts adopted at Steps 8 and 5/8<sup>2</sup>**

3. CAC38 adopted the MRLs for derquantel (sheep tissues), emamectin benzoate (salmon and trout tissues) and monepantel and the RMRs for dimetridazole, ipronidazole, metronidazole and ronidazole, as recommended by CCRVDF22. The adopted MRLs and RMRs have been included in the Codex Online Database of Codex MRL and RMR for veterinary drugs<sup>3</sup>.

**Draft MRLs for Bovine Somatotropins<sup>4</sup>**

4. CAC38 recognized the validity of JECFA's risk assessments as the sound scientific basis for its deliberations on rbSTs. Nevertheless, the Commission, as the international risk management body recognized that consensus had not been reached on the adoption of the draft MRLs. In light of this, the Commission agreed to hold the draft MRLs for rbSTs at Step 8 to provide further time to facilitate a possible consensus. The draft MRLs would continue to be on the agenda of the CAC and open to discussion.

**Approval of new work for the elaboration of new standards and related texts<sup>5</sup>**

5. CAC38 approved the Priority List of Veterinary Drugs for Evaluation or Re-evaluation by JECFA as proposed by CCRVDF22.

**Approval of discontinued work<sup>6</sup>**

6. CAC38 approved discontinuation of work on draft and proposed draft MRLs for derquantel (sheep tissues) and monepantel (sheep tissues) recommended by the 75<sup>th</sup> JECFA.

**39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC39)**

**Consistency of the Risk Analysis Texts across the Relevant Committees<sup>7</sup>**

7. CAC39 endorsed the recommendation of CCGP30 that the Secretariat should address minor numbering issues in the texts for CCCF, CCRVDF and CCPR. The issues have been addressed in the 25<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Procedural Manual.

<sup>1</sup> REP15/CAC, paras 9-12 and Appendix II

<sup>2</sup> REP15/CAC, paras 39-41 and Appendix III

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/standards/vetdrugs/en/>

<sup>4</sup> REP15/CAC, paras 49-63

<sup>5</sup> REP15/CAC para. 87 and Appendix VI

<sup>6</sup> REP15/CAC para.95 and Appendix VII

<sup>7</sup> REP16/CAC, para. 179

**Codex Work on Antimicrobial Resistance<sup>8</sup>**

CAC39 agreed to:

- (i) Establish an *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR), to be hosted by the Republic of Korea, to develop science-based guidance on the management of foodborne antimicrobial resistance (TOR are presented in Appendix VIII of REP16/CAC)
- (ii) Establish a PWG, chaired by United Kingdom and co-chaired by Australia and the United States of America, to revise (a) the project documents for new work; and (b) the terms of reference for the request for scientific advice to FAO and WHO in collaboration with OIE
- (iii) Request FAO and WHO to develop a capacity development programme to respond to the needs identified.

**PART 2 – MATTERS FOR ACTION****70<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee (CCEXEC70)****Work Management<sup>9</sup>**

8. CCEXEC70 requested all Committees to consider the need to develop an approach for the management of their work similar to that used by the Committee on Food Hygiene (while recognizing the differences in topics, working procedures, etc. among various committees).

9. The Committee **is invited** to consider the request from CCEXEC.

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<sup>8</sup> REP16/CAC para. 164 and Appendix VIII

<sup>9</sup> REP15/EXEC, para. 22