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Comments on the
Proposed Draft MRLs for Ivermectin (cattle fat, kidney, muscle), Teflubenzuron (Salmon fillet,
muscle) and Zilpaterol Hydrochloride (cattle fat, kidney, liver, muscle) at Step 3

Comments Submitted by:
European Union, Nigeria, Senegal, African Union

EUROPEAN UNION

Draft MRL for muscle (step 3)

The EU notes that the proposed draft Codex MRL for muscle corresponds to the value adopted at EU level. Therefore, the EU can support the proposed draft MRL.

Draft MRLs for ivermectin for fat, kidneys and liver (step3)

Draft Codex MRLs for fat, liver and kidneys are higher than the values adopted at EU level. However, the EU notes that these are acceptable from a consumer safety perspective. Therefore, the EU does not object to the proposed draft MRLs for ivermectin in fat, kidneys and liver.

Teflubenzuron (step 3)

The proposed draft Codex MRLs are lower than the corresponding EU MRLs, hence do not constitute a consumer safety concern. The EU does not object to the proposed draft MRLs for teflubenzuron.

NIGERIA

Nigeria took note of the information provided on the proposed draft MRLs for Ivermectin, Teflubenzuron and Zilpaterol Hydrochloride and supports the advancement of these veterinary drugs to the next step since the new risk assessment and recommendations by JECFA on these drugs with respect to the cattle fat, kidney liver and muscle indicate no adverse effects in humans at the MRLs

SENEGAL

Le Sénégal adhère aux conclusions scientifiques du JECFA pour ces avant-projets de LMR.

Nous prenons acte du fait que JECFA a encore besoin de données de la part du sponsor, en vue de déterminer les LMR pour la graisse de bovins.

AFRICAN UNION

IVERMECTIN (antiparasitic agent)

Comment: AU recommends the advancement of Ivermectin to step 4 on account of 81st JECFA recommendation.

Issue & Rationale: JECFA 81st new MRLs value for Ivermectin (Ivermectin B1a) and subsequent recommendations; Cattle fat 400µg/kg; Kidney 100µg/kg; Liver 800µg/kg; and Muscle 30µg/kg. We take note that Ivermectin residues have no adverse effects in humans.

TEFLUBENZURON (insectide)

Comment: **AU** recommends the advancement of Teflubenzuron to step 4 on account of 81st JECFA recommendation.

Issue and Rationale: JECFA 81st assessment of the MRLs of Teflubenzuron {Salmon fillet 400µg/kg & Salmon muscle (400µg/kg)} and subsequent recommendations.

ZILPATEROL HYDROCHLORIDE (β2-adrenoceptor agonist)

Comment: **AU** recommends the advancement of Zilpaterol Hydrochloride to step 4 on account of 81st JECFA recommendation.

Issue and Rationale: JECFA's recommended MRLs for Zilpaterol Hydrochloride in cattle: 3.3µg/kg in kidney, 3.5µg/kg in liver and 0.5µg/kg in muscle. **AU** takes note that JECFA still requires data from the sponsor to establish MRLs for cattle fat.