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

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### COMMENTS OF INDONESIA

**The Government of Indonesia would like to submit the following comments:**

Indonesia would like to appreciate the 23<sup>rd</sup> session for the excellent effort in the elaboration of the proposed draft Codex standards on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods. Indonesia is satisfied with the text as it currently stands and would like to make only a few technical comments.

#### **Agenda Item 5 Proposed draft RMR for gentian violet at Step 3**

Indonesia supports proposed draft Risk Management Recommendation (RMR) for residues of veterinary drugs in Appendix III of REP 15/VDF. In this regard, Indonesia proposes **option 2** as the recommended measure for risk management.

Rationale:

Gentian Violet is still used in Indonesia as an active substance used for topical use, sold mainly with prescription. In accordance with the conclusions of the JECFA, there is no safe level of gentian violet residue or its metabolites in food that represents an acceptable risk to consumer health. Therefore, Indonesia supports option 2, which the competent authorities must prevent the presence of gentian violet residues in food.

#### **Agenda Item 6.2 Proposed draft MRLs for Ivermectin (cattle fat, kidney, liver, muscle), Teflubenzuron (salmon fillet, muscle) and Zilpaterol Hydrochloride (cattle kidney, liver, muscle) (at Step 3)**

Indonesia appreciates JECFA for its work and supports the recommendations of the 81<sup>st</sup>

Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives for the veterinary drugs.

1. Indonesia agrees draft MRL for ivermectin (fat, kidney, liver and muscle)

Rationale:

Ivermectin is used in Indonesia as an antiparasitic agent for cattle. Indonesia supports JECFA's new assessment and recommendation because ivermectin residues has no adverse effects in human.

2. Indonesia agrees draft MRL for Zilpaterol Hydrochloride (cattle kidney, liver, muscle)

Rationale:

Considering that Indonesia is importing countries of beef from other countries that using Zilpaterol, so that developing MRLs for Zilpaterol hydrochloride is very important to ensure consumer health protection and trade. Indonesia supports JECFA's recommendation of MRLs for Zilpaterol Hydrochloride in cattle:

3.3 ug/kg in kidney, 3.5ug/kg in liver and 0.5ug/kg in muscle