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REPORT OF IN-SESSION WORKING GROUP ON DISCUSSION PAPER ON MRLS FOR GROUPS OF FISH SPECIES

I. Introduction

The in-session working group (WG) was held on April 24, 2018 and chaired by Dr. Christine Børnes (Norway) and co-chaired by Dr. Yuko Endo (Japan), and discussions were facilitated by Dr. Hajime Toyofuku (Japan). The main purpose of WG is provide detailed information of the discussion document (CX/RVDF 18/24/7) by Norway, provide information of VICH draft guideline 57 (VICH GL57) by Japan and further recommendation of advanced option C by Japan.

II. Discussion

More than 30 member states attend the WG, and exchanged their comments actively.

Most of comments from members are support the wider grouping by following reasons.

- 1) Existing Codex MRLs for fish are for only a few substances, and different MRLs for fish in member states at present time can be a barrier for trade of fish products.
- 2) Food safety can be ensured by set MRLs without marker residue studies by each fish species. It is achieved by national risk management of setting adequate withdrawal periods by national authority.
- 3) There are many fish species consumed in member states.
- 4) The market of veterinary products used in aquaculture is so small to bear the costs for making data for each fish species.
- 5) Fish is minor species in many member states.
- 6) The purpose of VICH-GL57 is mainly for approval/registration of veterinary medicine, not for making Codex MRLs.
- 7) CCRVDF is the risk manager, and can extrapolate without changing its risk management principle.
- 8) Extrapolation should be carried out in simpler and broader manner.

Generally all the interventions supported extrapolation to be as broad as possible.