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

### Twenty-fourth Session

Comments Submitted by: Nigeria

#### Agenda Item 2

##### Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Subsidiary Bodies - CX/RVDF 18/24/2

**Position:** Nigeria took note of the matters referred by the CAC 40 and CCEXEC73 to the 24th CCRVDF with regards to the following:

- i. Standards and related texts adopted at steps 8 and 5/8
- ii. Risk Management Recommendation for gentian violet adopted at step 5
- iii. Draft MRLs for Bovine Somatotropins
- iv. Approval of new work for the elaboration of new standards and related tests
- v. Approval of discontinued work.
- vi. Closer collaboration between CCRVDF and CCPR when considering MRLs for compounds used as both veterinary drugs and pesticides

**Rationale:** The matters referred require further strategic discussion, harmonization and collaboration among CCRVD, CPR and other relevant CAC Subsidiaries. and members. There is need for further work on the MRLs for compounds used as veterinary drugs and pesticides and other related issues

#### Agenda Item 3

##### Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) - CX/RVDF 18/24/3

**Position:** Nigeria has observed the matters of interest arising from the Report of Joint FAO and WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) in the provision of scientific advice to Codex and member countries and commends JECFA for the information and expert analysis provided.

**Rationale:** Nigeria recognizes the critical importance of JECFA in the provision of scientific advice to Codex and especially for developing member countries.

#### Agenda Item 3.1

##### Activities of the Joint FAO/IAEA division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture relevant to Codex work - CX/RVDF 18/24/3 Add. 1

**Position:** Nigeria commends FAO and IAEA on its initiatives on the selected projects that have impacted positively on our laboratory and human capacity development with regards to food quality and safety. Nigeria commends the good contribution of IAEA in the upgrade on NAFDAC laboratory which has led to better assessment of chemicals and toxins in Foods by the Agency.

**Rationale:** The strategic collaboration by relevant organisations on similar projects would create more quality infrastructure in developing economies to enhance quality and safety of foods

#### Agenda Item 4

##### Report on the OIE activities including the Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH) - CX/RVDF 18/24/4

**Position:** Nigeria took note of the Report on OIE activities including VICH and commends the OIE's close cooperation with Codex, especially its activities on AMR, capacity building and the close cooperation with FAO and WHO which is relevant to the work of CCRVDF on Antimicrobial Resistance.

**Rationale:** The harmonization of technical requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH) is important for to facilitate registration, recognition and trade

#### **Agenda Item 6.1**

#### **Proposed Draft MRLs for Zilpaterol Hydrochloride (Cattle fat, Kidney, Liver, Muscle) at Step 4 (REP17/RVDF App. V)**

**Position:** Nigeria supports the advancement of the proposed draft MRLs for Zilpaterol Hydrochloride and to Step 5.

**Rationale:** This is because of the favourable new risk assessment and recommendations by JECFA that indicated no adverse effects in humans at the recommended MRLs.

#### **Agenda Item 7**

#### **Discussion paper on MRLs for Groups of Fish Species - CX/RVDF/18/24/7**

**Position:** Nigeria commends the work of the EWG on the discussion paper and agrees with the EWG submission that lack of MRLs for fish species will reduce availability of drug varieties to treat diseases, hence affecting the maintenance of good fish health by veterinary treatments in aquaculture. It also agrees that extrapolating MRLs to several fish species would expand the variety of available drugs for maintenance of fish health.

**Rationale:** Nigeria supports **Option C** which proposes “*No grouping but discussion on national risk management options as effective way forward*” as recommended by the EWG. The ADI and safety assessments of the drug are done independently of the target animal species.

#### **Agenda Item 8 Discussion Paper on Edible Offal Tissues (possible definition and edible offal tissues of interest in international trade) - CX/RVDF 18/24/8**

**Position:** Nigeria commends the effort of the EWG on the discussion paper on edible offal tissues and supports the recommended general definition of offals and the specific definition of edible offals.

**Rationale:** The proposed definitions if included in the glossary of terms and will promote its understanding and application.

#### **Agenda Item 10 Discussion Paper on the Evaluation of the Rationale for the decline in New Compounds to be included in the CCRVDF Priority list for Evaluation by JECFA - CX/RVDF 18/24/10**

**Position:** Nigeria commends HealthforAnimals for the discussion paper and notes the various challenges regarding the evaluation process highlighted in the paper. Nigeria also appreciates the response from JECFA in clarifying some the issues and raised in the requests the CCRVDF's intervention to resolve the highlighted challenges

**Rationale:** The intervention of CCRVDF's will enhance the resolution the highlighted challenges to allay the fears of the industry, without compromising the integrity of JECFA.

#### **Agenda Item 11 Database on Countries' need for MRLs - CX/RVDF 18/24/11**

**Position:** Nigeria commends the EWG for the work on database on countries needs for MRLs and supports the recommendations to hold an in-session working group to allow discussions on the proposed prioritization approaches highlighted in the report.

**Rationale:** This would help build consensus on a single top-ten list of veterinary drugs in need of Codex MRLs to be considered by the CCRVDF.