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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: Cameroon

GENERAL COMMENT

The 24th Session of the **Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods** will focus on issues that will ensure food safety and fair trade practices in food producing animals. In view of this invitation, Cameroon avails itself of this opportunity to thank the government of USA as well as the Directors General of the FAO and WHO.

The position of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon on the items on the agenda is as follows:

1°) AGENDA ITEM 3: ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT FAO/IAEA DIVISION OF NUCLEAR TECHNIQUES IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE RELEVANT TO CODEX WORK1 (CX/RVDF 18/24/3 Add.1)

Cameroon takes part in the project INT5154 (Improving Food Safety through the Creation of an Interregional Network that Produces Reliable Scientific Data Using Nuclear and complementary Techniques). Cameroon commends the IAEA in its initiatives and collaboration with African countries especially in development of human and physical capacity.

2°) AGENDA ITEM 5: PROPOSED DRAFT RISK MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION FOR GENTIAN VIOLET (REP17/RVDF App. II)

Cameroon supports the proposed risk management recommendation presented in Codex document REP17/RVDF App. II which states as follows;

"In view of the JECFA conclusions on the available scientific information, there is no safe level of residues of gentian violet or its metabolites in food that represents an acceptable risk to consumers. For this reason, competent authorities should prevent residues of gentian violet in food. This can be accomplished by not using gentian violet in food producing animals."

Issues & Rationale: JECFA 78th concluded that it was inappropriate to set an ADI for Gentian Violet because it is genotoxic and carcinogenic. Gentian Violet is structurally related to malachite green. Consequently, the Committee could not recommend MRLs, as it was not considered appropriate to establish an ADI. JECFA 78th also noted that there was limited information on residues.

However, for clarity, deletion of "use in food producing animal" could be considered to avoid narrowing the mandate of the committee and adverse trade implications. And the sentence would become:

"In view of the JECFA conclusions on the available scientific information, there is no safe level of residues of gentian violet or its metabolites in food that represents an acceptable risk to consumers. For this reason,

competent authorities should prevent residues of gentian violet in food. This can be accomplished by not using gentian violet in food producing animals.”

3°) AGENDA ITEM 6.1 : PROPOSED DRAFT MRLs FOR ZILPATEROL HYDROCHLORIDE (CATTLE FAT, KIDNEY, LIVER, MUSCLE) (81st JECFA) AT STEP 4 (REP 17/RVDF App.V)

ZILPATEROL HYDROCHLORIDE (β 2-adrenoceptor agonist)

Cameroon recommends the advancement of Zilpaterol Hydrochloride to step 5 on account of 85th JECFA recommendation.

4°) AGENDA ITEM 6.2: PROPOSED DRAFT MRLs FOR AMOXICILLIN (FINFISH FILLET, MUSCLE); AMPICILLIN (FINFISH FILLET, MUSCLE); FLUMETHRIN (HONEY), LUFENURON (SALMON AND TROUT) MONEPANTEL (CATTLE FAT, KIDNEY, LIVER, MUSCLE) (CX/RVDF 18/24/6)

AMOXICILLIN (antimicrobial agent)

Position: Cameroon recommends the advancement of Amoxicillin to step 4 on account of 85th JECFA recommendation.

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FLUMETHRIN (insecticide)

Position: Cameroon recommends the advancement of Flumethrin to step 4 on account of 85th JECFA recommendation.

LUFENURON (insecticide)

Position: Cameroon recommends the advancement of Lufenuron to step 4 on account of 85th JECFA recommendation.

MONEPANTEL (anthelmintic)

Position: Cameroon recommends the advancement of Monepantel to step 4 on account of 85th JECFA recommendation.

5°) AGENDA ITEM 7: DISCUSSION PAPER ON MRLs FOR GROUPS OF FISH SPECIES (CX/RVDF 18/24/7)

Cameroon commends the EWG for the good work and support recommendation 'C' of the EWG which proposes *No grouping, but discuss further guidance on national risk management options as this might seem an effective way forward.*

Issue and Rationale: As the data is not sufficient to date, this proposal gives the opportunity to challenge countries and organizations to regularly review the various control and monitoring methods they use.

6°) 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)

Cameroon commends the EWG on the discussion paper on edible offals. We support the conclusions of the EWG on the general definition of offals and the specific definition of edible offals. Cameroon further recommends adoption of the proposed definitions to the committee for incorporation in the glossary of terms and definitions.

Issue and rationale: The discussion paper aimed at proposing a possible definition of edible offal tissue and specifying edible offal tissues of interest in international trade.

7°) 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)

Cameroon commends Health for Animals for the good work done in the discussion paper. That paper has highlighted the benefits of JECFA evaluation, which are recognised worldwide and also highlights the challenges experienced by the industry during submission of compounds for evaluation. We recommend that the CCRVDF consider looking into the concerns expressed by the industry with the aim of re-evaluating its processes without compromising the integrity of JECFA as the key risk assessment body.

8°) AGENDA ITEM 11: DATABASE ON COUNTRIES' NEEDS FOR MRLs (CX/RVDF 18/24/11)

Cameroon commends the EWG for the work on database on countries needs for MRLs. Cameroon supports the recommendations of the EWG to hold an in-session working group to allow discussion of the prioritization approaches presented in the report. Such discussion could help to build consensus on a single top-ten list of veterinary drugs in need of Codex MRLs to be considered by the CCRVDF.