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Comments submitted by the Republic of Korea

Agenda Item 3 – Matters of interest arising from FAO/WHO including JECFA

A risk-based decision tree approach for the safety evaluation of residues of veterinary drugs

Republic of Korea supports elaborating “the risk-based decision tree approach for the safety evaluation of residues of veterinary drugs” and suggests adding new concepts such as extrapolation, uniform limit or pilot study where appropriate.

General considerations for microbiological effects

Republic of Korea supports JECFA’s recommendation to convene a microbiome expert working group to explore recent developments in the impact of drug residues on the human intestinal microbiome.

Agenda Item 6 – MRLs for veterinary drugs in food

Ivermectin:

Republic of Korea appreciates JECFA for the re-evaluation of ivermectin for pigs, goats and sheep.

Since newly recommended MRLs are more realistic and the outcome is derived based on GVP, Republic of Korea agrees to the MRLs at the agenda item 6.2. And we would like to propose discontinuing the work of agenda item 6.1 to avoid confusion.

In addition, we recommend to re-evaluate the proposed MRLs for ivermectin of goats after collecting more residue data.

Nicarbazin:

Republic of Korea would like to express our appreciation for JECFA’s hard work in recommending MRLs. However, we request that JECFA provide additional information on the default safety factor (50) for the new MRL of nicarbazin.

Agenda item 7 - Extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs in foods to one or more species

Agenda Item 7.1 – Extrapolated MRLs for different combinations of compounds/commodities at Step 4

Republic of Korea agrees to the extrapolated MRLs for 11 different veterinary drugs as they are recommended based on *the Approach for the extrapolation of maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs to one or more species*. And we would like to request that the EWG provide specific proposals as revised version in CXLs that includes extrapolated MRLs for ruminants as well as non-ruminants such as pig.

Agenda Item 7.2 - Approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for residues of veterinary drugs for offal tissues

As food consumption patterns are different among countries, Republic of Korea would like to express its opinion that national authorities of each member country could deal with this issue as a part of their own risk management policies.

Agenda item 9 - Coordination of work between CCPR and CCRVDF

Republic of Korea supports the EWG's recommendation that CCPR and CCRVDF develop a database of dual-use compounds that can be shared between the committees to facilitate the development of a single, harmonized MRL.

We also support the recommendations that the two committees form a joint EWG that will identify dual-use compounds that have different MRLs for the same edible commodity, and would like to propose that ToR of the joint EWG should include discussion on an approach to determining MRLs for dual-use compounds.