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TO: Codex Contact Points
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

SUBJECT: **Request for comments on the proposed draft Guidelines on integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance (at Step 3)**

DEADLINE: **25 November 2018**

BACKGROUND

1. See CX/AMR 18/6/6¹.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft guidelines on integrated surveillance of antimicrobial resistance, which is uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS)² as per the general guidance below.
3. Codex members and observers are invited to pay attention to the conclusions and recommendations of the report of the EWG in order to assist TFAMR6 in progressing this work in particular as to those sections that need further development in the Guidelines.

In addition, for section 7.3 of CX/AMR 18/6/6 the following is requested:

- (i) General comments on the proposed stepwise approach for the establishment of an integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne AMR.
- (ii) General comments for each of the components i.e. AMR, AMU and Analysis/Reporting;
- (iii) General comments on the programs A, B and C of each of the components, in particular whether they fit the different situations of countries' capabilities to develop programs for integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne AMR.

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

4. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
5. Contact Points of Codex members and observers may login to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting "Enter" in the "My reviews" page, available after login to the system.
6. Contact Points of Codex members and observers organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments).
7. At the end of the commenting period, the Codex Secretariat will compile comments in a relevant working document using the system.
8. Additional guidance on the OCS can be found on the Codex website³.
9. For questions on the OCS, please contact Codex-OCS@fao.org.

¹ All working documents for TFAMR6 are available at:

<http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/detail/en/?meeting=TFAMR&session=6>

² <https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/>

³ <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/ocs/en/>