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## CALL FOR DATA ON CARRY-OVER FROM FEED TO FOOD OF UNAVOIDABLE AND UNINTENDED RESIDUES OF APPROVED VETERINARY DRUGS

[Deadline: 15 December 2018](#)

### Background

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Codex Committee on Residue of Veterinary Drugs in Food has requested FAO and WHO to provide scientific advice to address the issue of unintended presence of residues of approved veterinary drugs in food of animal origin resulting from carry-over of veterinary drugs in feed.

Even under circumstances where all relevant good practices (e.g. GAP, GMP, etc.) had been fully implemented and followed in feed manufacturing facilities, an unintended and unavoidable presence of low levels of certain veterinary drugs in feed lots that follow the production of medicated feed can be observed. To evaluate any potential consequences for food safety from such feed, it is critical to determine whether such low-level presence of residues in food associated with unavoidable and unintended carry-over in feed: (i) would constitute a threat to human health; and (ii) would impact negatively on trade. In addition, potential risk management measures should be developed to mitigate any risk as necessary.

This information will be used to evaluate the need for any new work or revision of Codex Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding or on the development of specific guidance or capacity development assistance to countries for implementing the Code.

### Objective of this call

The data will serve as inputs to the development of scientific advice, which shall be provided through a stakeholder meeting and an expert consultation that will take place in Rome in January 2019 and will guide the elaboration of appropriate Codex texts and advise FAO, WHO and their Member States.

### Request for relevant information

FAO and WHO want to ensure that all available and relevant information and data are collected, and are requesting governments, private sector, academia, consumer groups, professional and producer organizations, laboratories and any other interested organization and/or individuals to submit any available data on the specific areas indicated. These data may be published or unpublished. Reference should be made to related published studies, where applicable.

### Deadline for submission of data

Please submit any relevant information by 15 December 2018 in any format (electronic and/or hard copies - electronic submissions are preferred, either via e-mail or on USB key), in any official United Nations (UN) language (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian), and with a title and short description of the content in English along with the list of data and information requirements if possible, to [Daniela.Battaglia@fao.org](mailto:Daniela.Battaglia@fao.org) , [Saskia.Reppin@fao.org](mailto:Saskia.Reppin@fao.org) and [verger@who.int](mailto:verger@who.int) . If information is not available in

any official UN languages, a short summary of the nature of the data should be provided, preferably in English.

## CALL FOR DATA

- data relevant to the occurrence and quantification of unintended presence of residues of approved veterinary drugs in food of animal origin resulting from carry-over of veterinary drugs in feed;
- data relevant to the root causes of carry-over residues and on the sources of unintentional exposure at feed mill or farm level;
- data relevant to determine if the presence of residue of a veterinary drug in food at levels associated with unavoidable and unintended carry-over in feed constitute a risk to human health
- data relevant to determine risk management strategies and options (measures) (e.g. limit, standards, etc.) that could be established to prevent and control (minimize) the unavoidable and unintended carry-over in feed constitute a risk to human health;
- data relevant to the methodology needed for detection of residues in feed and food.

### **Submission of data**

Please note that the above list is not meant to be all-inclusive since it is recognized that other studies may, in some instances, assist in the provision of scientific advice.

All relevant data should be submitted. Data should be presented, summarized and referenced in a clear and concise manner.

### Confidential and/or unpublished data

FAO and WHO recognize that some of the information and relevant data which are now required may be unpublished or of a confidential nature. With regard to unpublished information and data, this remains the property of the author for subsequent publication by the owner as original material. Unpublished confidential studies that are submitted will be safeguarded in so far as it is possible to do so without compromising the work of FAO and WHO. Specific issues relating to confidentiality should be discussed directly between the information and data owners and FAO/WHO. For these and other issues please contact FAO and WHO at the contacts provided.

### Additional information

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