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EDITORIAL AMENDMENT TO THE
CODE OF PRACTICE ON GOOD ANIMAL FEEDING (CXC 54-2004)

BACKGROUND

Task Force on Animal Feeding – *Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding (CXC 54-2004)*

Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods – *Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food-Producing Animals (CXG 71-2009)*

1. The 27th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC27, 2004) adopted¹ the *Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding (CXC 54-2004)*. Section 4.5.1 - Feed Additives and Veterinary Drugs Used in Medicated Feed of the Code of Practice refers to the *Code of Practice for Control of the Use of Veterinary Drugs (CAC/RCP 38-1993)* in Footnote 9, which has remained unchanged since then.
2. However, in 2009, CAC32 adopted² the *Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food-Producing Animals (CXG 71-2009)*, as proposed³ by the 18th Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF18, 2009).
3. In adopting the new Guidelines, CAC32 noted that they would supersede the *Guidelines for the Establishment of a Regulatory Programme for Control of Veterinary Drug Residues in Foods (CAC/GL 16-1993)* and *Code of Practice for Control of the Use of Veterinary Drugs (CAC/RCP 38-1993)*.
4. The Codex Secretariat regularly reviews Codex texts to keep them up to date, for instance, regarding references no longer valid because they have been revoked or superseded by another text. This type of amendment is considered of editorial nature as it does not alter the technical content of the text and is usually submitted by the Codex Secretariat to the CAC for adoption when the relevant subsidiary body has been abolished/dissolved as it is the case of the Task Force on Animal Feeding.
5. However, as the amendment is relevant to a text developed by CCRVDF and taking advantage of the 27th Session of the Committee, the Codex Secretariat brings this editorial amendment to the attention of CCRVDF to seek the Committee's support for presenting it for adoption by CAC47 (November 2024).

RECOMMENDATION

6. CCRVDF27
 - notes that the Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding (CXC 54-2004) refers to the *Code of Practice for Control of the Use of Veterinary Drugs (CAC/RCP 38-1993)*, which has been superseded by the *Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food-Producing Animals (CXG 71-2009)* therefore,
 - agrees to update the reference in Footnote 9 of the CoP to refer to CXG 71-2009 and,
 - acknowledges that this is an editorial amendment with no impact on the technical content of the CoP.

¹ ALINORM 04/27/, para. 24, Appendix III

² ALINORM 09/32/REP, para. 63, Appendix III

³ ALINORM 09/32/31, Appendix V

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Footnote 9 – Update Reference

SECTION 4. GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND REQUIREMENTS

4.5 Health hazards associated with animal feed

17. All feed and feed ingredients should meet minimum safety standards. It is essential that levels of undesirable substances are sufficiently low in feed and feed ingredients that their concentration in food for human consumption is consistently below the level of concern. Codex Maximum Residue Limits and Extraneous Maximum Residue Levels set for feed should be applied. Maximum residue limits set for food, such as those established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, may be useful in determining minimum safety standards for feed.

4.5.1 Feed additives and veterinary drugs used in medicated feed

18. Feed additives and veterinary drugs used in medicated feed should be assessed for safety and used under stated conditions of use as pre-approved by the competent authorities.

19. Veterinary drugs used in medicated feed should comply with the provisions of the *Codex Recommended International Code of Practice for the Control of the Use of Veterinary Drugs*.⁹

⁹ ~~CXC 38-1993~~. *Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food-Producing Animals (CXG 71-2009)*