



**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
Interested International Organisations

**FROM:** Secretariat, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme,  
Codex Alimentarius Commission  
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**SUBJECT:** **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS/INFORMATION ON PRIORITY LIST OF VETERINARY DRUGS FOR EVALUATION OR REEVALUATION BY JECFA**

**DEADLINE:** **15 December 2014**

**COMMENTS:**

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## BACKGROUND

1. The Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF) at its 21<sup>st</sup> Session (August 2013) agreed to forward the Priority List of Veterinary Drugs for Evaluation or Reevaluation by JECFA to the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission Alimentarius Commission for approval.
2. The Committee also agreed to establish an electronic Working Group, chaired by Australia and working in English only, to consider the replies to the Circular Letter requesting comments and information on the Priority List of Veterinary Drugs requiring Evaluation or Re-evaluation by JECFA and report to the 22<sup>nd</sup> CCRVDF, scheduled in April 2015. The 21<sup>st</sup> CCRVDF noted that the deadline for the submission of proposals in response to the Circular Letter would be earlier than the current date to allow the electronic Working Group to prepare a proposal for the 22<sup>nd</sup> CCRVDF. The Committee noted the need to respect the deadline in order to allow the electronic Working Group to prepare a proposal for the Plenary. It further noted that the report of the electronic Working Group should be submitted in sufficient time prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup> CCRVDF to allow adequate time for translation and consideration by Members (ref. REP14/RVDF paras 129-130 and Appendix X).

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS/INFORMATION

3. Governments and interested organizations are invited to make proposals for veterinary drugs to be included to the priority list for subsequent recommendation to JECFA for evaluation or re-evaluation and to provide the information according to the template in the Annex to this document.
4. According to Section 3.1.2 "Establishment of Priority List" of the *Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods* (Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission), in order to appear on the priority list of veterinary drugs for the establishment of a MRL, the proposed veterinary drug shall meet some or all of the following criteria:
  - A Member has proposed the compound for evaluation (a template for information recommended for consideration in the priority list by Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods has been completed and be available to the Committee);
  - A Member has established good veterinary practices with regard to the compound;
  - The compound has the potential to cause public health and/or international trade problems;
  - The compound is available as a commercial product; and
  - There is a commitment that a dossier will be made available.
5. Governments and international organizations wishing to provide comments should do so in sending their comments **by e-mail** to the above addresses before **15 December 2014**.

**ANNEX****TEMPLATE FOR INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR PRIORITIZATION BY CCRVDF****ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

1. Member(s) submitting the request for inclusion
2. Veterinary drug names
3. Trade names
4. Chemical names and CAS registry number
5. Names and addresses of basic producers

**PURPOSE, SCOPE AND RATIONALE**

6. Identification of the food safety issue (residue hazard)
7. Assessment against the criteria for the inclusion on the priority list

**RISK PROFILE ELEMENTS**

8. Justification for use
9. Veterinary use pattern, including information on approved uses if available
10. Commodities for which Codex MRLs are required

**RISK ASSESSMENT NEEDS AND QUESTIONS FOR THE RISK ASSESSORS**

11. Specific request to risk assessors

**AVAILABLE INFORMATION<sup>1</sup>**

12. Countries where the veterinary drugs are registered
13. National/Regional MRLs or any other applicable tolerances
14. List of data (pharmacology, toxicology, metabolism, residue depletion, analytical methods) available

**TIMETABLE**

15. Date when data could be submitted to JECFA

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<sup>1</sup> When preparing a preliminary risk profile, Member(s) should take into account the updated data requirement, to enable evaluation of a veterinary drug for the establishment of an ADI and MRLs, published by JECFA.