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 maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs in foods at Step 5/8

DEADLINE: 15 October 2023

BACKGROUND
1. See REP23/RVDF261, paragraphs 27, 31, 34 and Appendices II and III.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
2. Codex members and observers are invited to submit comments on MRLs as follows:

2.1 MRLs derived through JECFA evaluation:
   1. Ivermectin (sheep, pigs, and goats – fat, kidney, liver, and muscle)
   2. Nicarbazin (chicken)

2.2 MRLs derived through extrapolation:

   Ruminants
   3. Amoxicillin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney, and milk
   4. Benzylpenicillin – muscle, liver, kidney, milk
   5. Cyhalothrin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney, milk
   6. Cypermethrin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney
   7. Deltamethrin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney
   8. Levamisole – muscle, fat, liver, kidney
   9. Moxidectin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney
   10. Spectinomycin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney, milk
   11. Tetracyclines – muscle, liver, kidney, milk
   12. Tilmicosin – muscle, fat, liver, kidney

   Finfish
   13. Deltamethrin – muscle
   14. Flumequine – muscle

3. All the above-mentioned are uploaded to the Codex Online Commenting System (OCS): https://ocs.codexalimentarius.org/, as per the guidance below.

4. Comments should address whether the MRLs are ready for adoption or not. If not, provide the rationale and proposals to facilitate adoption.


6. Codex members and observers are encouraged to submit comments in reply to this CL2 in order to facilitate decision-making at the 46th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

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GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

7. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.

8. 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.

9. Contact Points of Codex members and observer organizations are requested to provide general comments at the document level. Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)\(^1\).

10. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can also be found on the Codex website\(^2\).

11. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

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