

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I want to welcome all of you to the 25th meeting of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food (CCRVDF). Whether you are participating as a member or observer, the delegate or a member of a delegation, this promises to be an interesting meeting. We will have our first venture in an all virtual CCRVDF meeting; that poses some serious constraints on time and our ability to get together outside of plenary. At the same time, the virtual platform offers the opportunity for many to attend who could not otherwise participate.

The [23 April 2021 CCRVDF Webinar](#) offers a glimpse into the topics we will be discussing in this session. We have a number of draft proposed maximum residue limits (MRLs) for a variety of veterinary drugs to discuss with the hope of reaching consensus as a committee so that we can move them forward in the Codex step process towards becoming international Codex standards. The results of the FAO/WHO expert meeting on carryover in feed and transfer from feed to food of unavoidable and unintended residues of approved veterinary drugs will be discussed – you can see details about the [25 March 2021 Webinar on carryover](#) or listen to the audio recording on the current webpage or view the [actual FAO/WHO expert meeting report](#) if you would like more details before our plenary sessions start. We will also discuss the results of CCRVDF efforts to harmonize our terminology for edible tissues (particularly edible offal) with CCPR. We will discuss the results of our inter-session work on extrapolation, offering a path to leverage data developed in one species to support standards needed for residues of veterinary drugs in another. Further exploring ways to develop more standards and do that more efficiently, we will discuss our database on countries' needs, and the concept of parallel review, offering the possibility of JECFA evaluations and national registration review to happen at the same time. Please be sure to look to the information below on this page for details and documents available for our meeting.

To those of you for whom this is your first CCRVDF meeting, welcome. To those who have been with us before, welcome back. I look forward to seeing you all at CCRVDF25, even if it is only on screen.

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