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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS

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Comments from South Africa

Agenda Item 4

REPORT OF THE OIE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE HARMONIZATION OF TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS (VICH)

Cooperation between the OIE and the Codex *Alimentarius* Commission

South Africa as a member of both the OIE and Codex supports and encourages the reinforcement of the relationship with the Codex *Alimentarius* Commission (CAC). It agrees that collaboration between Codex and OIE is essential and especially with regards to common topics/ subject matters that both organisation are dealing with for example the antimicrobial resistance issue.

South Africa would also like to support initiative by 27th CCGP to establish eWG chaired by Canada with a mandate: To Reaffirm the commitment to collaboration in the development of standards of mutual interest, respecting the mandates and procedures of Codex Alimentarius and OIE, including a commitment to an open, transparent and inclusive process.

Agenda Item 5

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CCRVDF

South Africa agrees with Uruguay, that the item needs more discussions and to be done at the next session.

Agenda Item 6 (a)

Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for veterinary drugs

Draft Maximum Residue Limits for veterinary drugs (at Step 7) (Doc. Ref. REP11/RVDF App. IV):

- **Narasin:**
South Africa support advancement of Draft MRLs for Narasin in cattle's tissues to Step 8.
- **Amoxicillin:**
South Africa noted the assessment by JECFA and recommends the advancement of the MRLs to Step 5/8.
- **Monensin:**
South Africa supports advancement of the proposed draft revised MRLs to step 5 and recommend advancement to step 8

It also takes note of JECFA's comments on the revision of goats and sheep MRLs.

