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### Comments of Japan

on

#### THE RISK MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE VETERINARY DRUGS FOR WHICH NO ADI AND/OR MRL HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY JECFA DUE TO SPECIFIC HUMAN HEALTH CONCERNS

Japan thinks that the CCRVDF should make progress on this matter and recommend immediate risk management actions to protect consumer health; Japan would like to state the following:

- Veterinary drugs *with clear human health concerns identified by JECFA are characteristically different* from the ones with *possible human health concerns*; and
- The four substances in the table (chloramphenicol, malachite green, carbadox and furazolidone), for which JECFA has identified clear health concerns, should not be used for food producing animals.

Table. Substances with clear human health concerns.

Substance		Geno-toxicity	Carcino-genicity	Other significant toxic effects	References
<b>Chloramphenicol</b>	parent compound	YES	unknown	bone marrow depression	JECFA 12th(1968), 32nd (1987), 42nd(1994) and 62nd(2004) CCRVDF 18th(2009)
	Metabolites	YES	unknown	aplastic anaemia	
<b>Malachite green</b>	parent compound	YES	unknown	-	JECFA 70th(2008) CCRVDF 18th(2009)
	Metabolites	YES	YES	-	
<b>Carbadox</b>	parent compound	YES	YES	-	JECFA 36th(1990) and 60th(2003)
	Metabolites	YES	YES	-	
<b>Furazolidone</b>	parent compound	YES	YES	-	JECFA 40th(1992)
	Metabolites	unknown	unknown	-	