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MATTERS REFERRED TO THE TASK FORCE BY THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 35TH SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

Standards and Related Texts adopted at Step 5¹

1. The 35th Session of the Commission adopted at Step 5 and advanced to Step 6 the proposed draft Guidelines on Application of Risk Assessment for Feed, as proposed by the TFAF. Delegations were invited to resubmit the comments at Step 6 in order to be considered by the next Session of the Task Force.
2. Some delegations congratulated the TFAF for the proposed draft, which was a good basis for the further development of the document. They were of the opinion that some aspects could be included, e.g. consideration of viruses in feed and that specific comments could be addressed in the further development of the document.

Review existing Codex texts as to their applicability to animal feed²

3. The 35th Session of the Commission adopted the revision of the: *Risk Analysis Principles and Procedures Applied by the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene*; the *Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods*; and *Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods* and of the *Risk Assessment Policy for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods*. The texts were revised by the respective Committees to also address their applicability to animal feed.
4. The Commission adopted the revision of the definition of "Contaminant", which followed the revision of the *Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods* and the revision of the *Code of Practice for Source Directed Measures to Reduce Contamination of Food with Chemicals* (CAC/RCP 49-2001). The revision has made it more explicit as regards its applicability to feed, as recommended by the 33rd Session of the Commission.
5. In response to a request to clarify as to whether the revised definition excluded substances intentionally added to feed and whether residues of veterinary drugs in food of animal origin as carry over from feed (i.e. medicated feed) would be included in the revised definition, the Commission noted that the Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods had the responsibility for feed additives when establishing maximum residue limits for veterinary drugs in food of animal origin arising from the addition of veterinary drugs to feed (i.e. medicated feed).

¹ REP12/CAC paras 126-127 and Appendix IV

² REP12/CAC paras 19-26 and Appendix II