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CODEX WORK ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

COMMENTS

(Comments of El Salvador, Papua New Guinea and Thailand)

EL SALVADOR

El salvador apoya las recomendaciones hechas en el documento preparado por la Secretaría del Codex en colaboración con la FAO y la OMS) iniciar una nueva labor sobre:

- a. la revisión del Código de prácticas para reducir al mínimo y contener la resistencia a los antimicrobianos (CAC/RCP 61-2005) (documento de proyecto adjunto: Apéndice 1, Parte 1);
- b. la formulación de las Directrices sobre la vigilancia integrada de la resistencia a los antimicrobianos (documento de proyecto adjunto: Apéndice 1, Parte 2);
- ii. crear un grupo de acción específico sobre resistencia a los antimicrobianos (proyecto de mandato adjunto: Apéndice 2) y determinar el país o los países anfitriones;
- iii. pedir a la FAO y la OMS que presten asesoramiento científico en materia de resistencia a los antimicrobianos en colaboración con la OIE (proyecto de mandato adjunto: Apéndice 3);
- iv. pedir a la FAO y la OMS que elaboren un programa de fomento de la capacidad para satisfacer la necesidad determinada.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea appreciates the comprehensive scientific assessments and exhaustive evolution of antimicrobial resistance work, which has been carried out by FAO, WHO, and OIE in order to propose the above mentioned project documents 1 & 2.

The position of Papua New Guinea

Chair, Papua New Guinea is a developing country and its work on food standards, domestic and international trade is based on the Codex Standards which it has adopted.

Therefore, Papua New Guinea maintains that, decision making should be based on science, so that the institutional and scientific integrity of Codex mandate remains immortal.

On the issue of antimicrobial resistance, the National Codex Committee (NCC) met to debate the Agenda Item 11 (CX/CAC 16/39/12) thoroughly.

Since Papua New Guinea's legislative framework is not well positioned, hence the Codex Texts to address antimicrobial resistance issues is supported like any other developing countries. As such, Papua New Guinea also experience the antimicrobial resistance issues in our country.

Therefore, Papua New Guinea believes that this forum should consider revise Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Antimicrobial Resistance (CAC/RCP 61-2005). Also, Papua New Guinea supports the project Document (Appendix 1), Part 1 – Proposal for New Work on the Revision of the Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Antimicrobial Resistance (CAC/RCP 61-2005) and Part 2 – Proposal for New Work on the Guidance on Integrated Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance and the terms of references for the two proposals respectively.

Papua New Guinea believes the CAC39 session should endorse these two (2) proposals in principle and be delegated to appropriate Codex Committee such as Codex Committee on Veterinary Drugs in Food (CCRVDF) and Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) for further deliberations towards revising the Codex text

through the electronic working group (EWG), physical working group (PWG) and during the actual Committee sessions.

Papua New Guinea believes that once antimicrobial resistance (AMR) discussions proceed through these relevant forums, it will assist us to improve on our legislative and regulatory framework to support efforts of AMR and its use in food and agriculture sector. It will give us an opportunity to have detail discussions on registration, monitoring and control to contribute to Global Data Base Development as per Para 48 of Agenda Item 11.

Chair, Papua New Guinea therefore fully supports the two proposals for reviewing the above mentioned Codex Text (CAC/RCP 61-2005) to fully address the Codex work on antimicrobial resistance.

THAILAND

Thailand would like to thank Codex for taking consideration our comments previously submitted. We would like to stress our continued commitment to participate in Codex work on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and to offer all scientific information needed by Codex.

In addition, we definitely agree that the most appropriate mechanism to carry out these works is to re-establish the *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on AMR (TFAMR) and convene expert meetings from the FAO/WHO/OIE. We consider both the draft terms of reference for TFAMR and the provision of scientific advice on AMR are adequate for the moment to revise the CAC/RCP 61-2005 and to develop the guidance on Integrated Surveillance of AMR.

Regarding the proposed project documents, we generally support Codex to start the new work on the revision of CAC/RCP 61-2005 as well as the development of Guidance on Integrated Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance.

Nevertheless, we find it necessary that the control of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and medicated feed should be included under the scopes of the project document/1, proposal for new work on the revision of CAC/RCP 61-2005, to ensure the new work will cover all aspects related to AMR.