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

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COMMENTS OF NIGERIA

Agenda Item 2 Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies

Nigeria took note of the matters referred by the CAC 38 and CAC 39 to the 23rd CCRVDF with regards to the following:

- i. Amendments to the Procedural Manual
- ii. Standards and related texts adopted at steps 8 and 5/8
- iii. Draft MRLs for Bovine Somatotropins
- iv. Approval of new work for the elaboration of new standards and related tests
- v. Approval of discontinued work.
- vi. Consistency of the Risk Analysis texts across the relevant committees and codex work on Antimicrobial Resistance

Agenda Item 3 Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 81st meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)

Nigeria took note of the matters of interest arising from the Report of Joint FAO and WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) in the provision of scientific advice to Codex and member countries and commends JECFA for the information provided and the expert analysis undertaken.

Agenda Item 3.1 Activities of the Joint FAO/IAEA division of nuclear techniques in food and agriculture relevant to Codex work

Nigeria commends FAO and IAEA on its initiatives on the selected projects that have impacted positively on our laboratory and human capacity development. The Nigerian government has accorded Agriculture a priority and will welcome the development of radiator machines to reduce pesticide use in the control of tsetse fly.

Agenda Item 4 Report on the OIE activities including the Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH)

Nigeria took note of the Report on OIE activities including VICH and commends the OIE's close cooperation with Codex especially its activities on AMR and the close cooperation with FAO and WHO which is relevant to the work of CCRVDF on Antimicrobial Resistance.

Agenda Item 5 Proposed draft Risk Management Recommendation for Gentian violet

Nigeria supports Option 1 of the Risk Management Recommendations since in view of JECFA conclusions, there is no safe level of residues of Gentian violet or its metabolites in food that represents an acceptable risk to consumers. This view is in line with the RMR for malachite green since it tends to alert countries especially the developing countries to the health concerns and ensures that appropriate regulatory and sensitization mechanism are put in place.

Agenda Item 7.1 Discussion Paper on unintended presence of Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food commodities resulting from the carry-over of drug residues into feed

Nigeria commends the EWG for a good work done on the discussion paper and recommends that the Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding be used as the code highlights the need to have procedures in place to avoid cross-contamination. Nigeria also recommends Good Hygienic Practices in handling animal feed, Good Feed Manufacturing Practices and developing Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HAACP) plans as this would greatly reduce the risk of unintentional carryover of drug residues into feed.

Agenda Item 7.2 Discussion Paper on the Establishment of a Rating System to establish priority for CCRVDF work

Nigeria congratulates the EWG on the discussion paper and appreciates the recommendations to the CCRVDF, however, we would need some more clarifications on the scoring system for the proposed matrix.

Agenda Item 8 Global Survey to provide information to the CCRVDF to move compounds from the database on countries' needs for MRLs to the JECFA priority list and database on countries needs for MRLs

Nigeria commends the efforts of the EWG and the co-chairs for providing guidance and leadership in conducting the survey. Nigeria also supports the recommendations of the EWG but wants further clarification on why some very important drugs (*Diminazene Aceturate and Isometamedium Chloride*) used in controlling Animal Trypanosomosis which is a major disease of livestock in Nigeria were not captured in the survey report despite being submitted.