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Agenda Items 6.1, 6.2

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Comments submitted by HealthforAnimals

### AGENDA ITEM 6.1: Proposed draft MRLs for Halquinol (swine muscle, skin plus fat, kidney, liver ) at Step 4

#### Summary

The proposed draft MRLs at Step 4 for halquinol (swine muscle, skin plus fat, kidney, and liver) were recommended by the 88th JECFA (2019) following evaluation. The 88th JECFA full report is available via the FAO or WHO website (WHO Technical Report Series No. 1023).

#### HealthforAnimals offers the following comments

The Acceptable daily intake (ADI) recommended by JECFA of 0–0.2 mg/kg bw is appropriate and consistent with the data. We concur with the estimated chronic dietary exposure and toxicological rationale.

The marker residue, assigned as the sum of 5-chloroquinolin-8-ol (5-CL), 5,7-dichloroquinolin-8-ol (5,7-DCL) and their glucuronide metabolites: 5-CLG (expressed as 5-CL equivalents) and 5,7-DCLG (expressed as 5,7-DCL equivalents) is metabolically relevant and measurable.

The Committee recommended Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) in swine of 40 µg/kg for muscle, 350 µg/kg for skin plus fat, 500 µg/kg for liver and 9000 µg/kg for kidney. These are appropriate and we concur with the recommendation.

#### HealthforAnimals position

HealthforAnimals supports advancing the proposed draft MRLs for halquinol to Step 5/8 for consideration by the next Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). The proposed standards meet all the procedural and scientific requirements for the advancement of standards to the next CAC. HealthforAnimals observes that halquinol is an important tool in combatting antimicrobial resistance because it is a therapeutic non-medically important antimicrobial for the control and treatment of bacterial enteritis (scours, diarrhea) caused by E coli in swine. HealthforAnimals respectfully requests delegations support the advancement of the ADI and proposed MRLs to Step 5/8.

### AGENDA ITEM 6.2: Maximum residue limits for zilpaterol hydrochloride (cattle fat, kidney, liver, muscle) Held at Step 4

HealthforAnimals would like to thank the Codex Secretariat and the Chairperson of CCRVDF for the preparation of CX/RVDF20/25/7 in relation to the proposed draft MRLs for Zilpaterol Hydrochloride. The document provides an excellent basis and framework for the continuation of a constructive discussion and the advancement of the proposed draft MRLs for Zilpaterol hydrochloride. It is of great importance to maintain the integrity of the Codex procedures while divergent positions can be adequately accommodated within the procedures.

HealthforAnimals supports the advancement of the proposed draft MRLs for Zilpaterol hydrochloride in the Codex Step Procedure. The scientific risk assessment has been agreed upon by consensus while it is legitimate for CCRVDF to move the standard forward.