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**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
Contact Points of international organizations having observer status with Codex

**FROM:** Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission,  
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

**SUBJECT:** **Request for comments at Step 3 on the Guidelines on risk-based actions to be taken by competent authorities following the detection of a residue of a veterinary drug in food caused by unavoidable and unintentional carryover of veterinary drugs in animal feed where there is no applicable Codex maximum residue limit**

**DEADLINE:** 5 March 2026

## BACKGROUND

1. For background information, please refer to document CX/RVDF 26/28/9<sup>1</sup>.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

2. Codex members and observers are invited to provide:
  - i. general comments on the overall structure, content, and flow of the Guidelines, as presented in Appendix I to CX/RVDF 26/28/9, including whether there are missing aspects that should be addressed in the Guidelines or provisions that need to be expanded to improve clarity or completeness (in this case please provide specific language under point 2(ii)).
  - ii. specific comments of technical or editorial nature to improve the clarity and completeness of the text with the accompanying rationale.
3. Codex members and observers are also invited to provide more focused comments on certain aspects of the Guidelines described in the summary of key points of discussions in the EWG, paragraph 10, of CX/RVDF 26/28/9.

## GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF COMMENTS

4. Comments should be submitted through the Codex Contact Points of Codex members and observers using the OCS.
5. Contact Points of Codex members and observers may log in to the OCS and access the document open for comments by selecting “Enter” in the “My reviews” page, which is available after logging in to the system.
6. Contact Points of Codex members and observers’ organizations are requested to provide proposed changes and relevant comments/justifications on a specific paragraph (under the categories: editorial, substantive, technical, and translation) and/or at the document level (general comments or summary comments). Additional guidance on the OCS comment categories and types can be found in the OCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
7. Other OCS resources, including the user manual and short guide, can be found at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/>.
8. For questions on the OCS, please contact [Codex-OCS@fao.org](mailto:Codex-OCS@fao.org).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/it/?meeting=CCRVDF&session=28>