

## **Report of the meeting of Arab National Contact Points for Codex Alimentarius About the updates related to Zilpaterol**

Within the framework of the Arab Codex Initiative and in response to the request of a group of Arab countries' CCP, regarding the upcoming discussions of the Chairman of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) with the regional committees, and participation in the issue of setting MRL standards for Zilpaterol Hydrochloride, and to provide technical support for a better understanding of the background and status of discussions that took place during CCEXEC, a meeting was held to present a set of reviews on this subject via remote communication technology on Wednesday, August 3, 2022.

Delegates from 8 Arab countries attended the meeting:

- Bahrain
- Somalia
- Iraq
- Palestine
- Lebanon
- State of Libya
- Morocco
- Yemen

Representatives of **AIDSMO** and the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (**GFORSS**) were also present at the meeting (see participants list in the attachment).

Mr. Ahmed Eddouaicer, coordinator of the Arab Codex initiative within AIDSMO, launched the meeting with introductory remarks, where he welcomed all participants and thanked them for accepting the organization's invitation to attend. Following this, he pointed out the importance of holding this meeting, which came at the request of several Arab countries' CCP, and stressed that this meeting is a clarification and an introduction to the developments related to Zilpaterol and not a specification of the positions of Arab countries in this regard.

The meeting agenda was approved and included the following items:

| Agenda item | Subject matter   |
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| 1           | A presentation about Zilpaterol:<br>Background, CCEXEC output<br>Prof. Samuel Godefroy and<br>Dr. Wiem Guissouma |
| 2           | Input and Remarks from Arab Codex Contact Points   |

A presentation was made by Dr. Wiem Guissouma and Professor Samuel Godefroy, in which they explained and clarified everything related to the Zilpaterol compound including:

- Background on Zilpaterol
- Zilpaterol at Codex
- Positions Expressed
- Status in CCRVDF
- Discussions at CCEXEC
- What is the Issue ... And Impacts on the Region

A follow-up presentation was given by Professor Samuel Godefroy, who presented a review on the Statement of Principle Concerning the Role of Science in the Codex Decision-Making Process and clarified a set of basic points in this regard.

The meeting was marked by an extensive discussion between the Arab countries' focal points in the Codex Alimentarius and the interventions of experts from the Arab Working Group.

Lastly, the following recommendations were adopted:

1. Appreciating the efforts made by the experts of the Arab Codex initiative to prepare the material for this meeting.
2. Inclusion of all documents and presentations presented during the meeting in the interactive platform of the Arab Codex Initiative ([www.Arabcodex.com](http://www.Arabcodex.com)).