



ANALYSIS OF AGENDA ITEMS IN PREPARATION FOR THE 26th SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS (CCRVDF26)

13 to 17 February 2023

Portland, Oregon, United States of America

Agenda item 10: Priority list of veterinary drugs for evaluation or re-evaluation by JECFA

Objective

This document offers a review and analysis of the agenda items planned for discussion at the 26th session of the **Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)**, scheduled to take place face to face from 13 to 17 February 2023. This document is intended for possible use by the Codex communities of practice, promoted by [GFORSS](#) and [PARERA](#), as part of their contribution to enhancing awareness and supporting effective participation in international food standard setting meetings (Codex meetings) by representatives from members and observers.

The analysis provided in this document offers a factual review of agenda items, their background and a discussion of some considerations. This analysis is indicative in nature and does not represent an official position of the organizations mentioned above ([PARERA](#) and [GFORSS](#)), their membership or their management. It provides a synthesis and analysis of the work currently under discussion by the CCRVDF, which may be useful for delegations from Arab countries to prepare their positions considering the needs and specificity of the region and the potential impact of the proposed food standards.

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Background

CCRVDF23 (2016) agreed to add information on the registration of the compound as a pesticide and, where applicable, information on the evaluation of the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) to the form requesting information on compounds for evaluation by JECFA, attached to the Circular Letter (CL) requesting proposals for inclusion in the Priority List.

CCRVDF25 (2021) agreed to forward the Priority List¹ of Veterinary Drugs for Evaluation or Re-evaluation by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) to CAC44 (2021) for approval. CAC44 approved the Priority List as submitted by CCRVDF25.

Further The committee agreed to recommend that the database on countries' needs for MRLs for veterinary drugs in foods be made available as a reference document at every session of CCRVDF; and should be available to the Codex Secretariat to accompany the distribution of the circular letter (CL) requesting comments on the priority list of veterinary drugs for evaluation by JECFA.

CCRVDF25 therefore encouraged Codex member countries and observer organizations to submit relevant data / information to allow the evaluation of the compound / commodity combinations identified as high priority needs and as feasible starting points for establishment of relevant MRLs, and also for the other compound/commodity combinations identified in the database on countries' needs for veterinary drug MRLs.

CCRVDF26 will discuss the proposal of adjustment to the Priority List as requested by Codex delegations in response to the circular letter submitted in this regard, based on the following documents: The Priority List as agreed at CCRVDF25; The Summary and Conclusions of JECFA88 and JECFA94. The full report of JECFA88 and JECFA94 and other relevant JECFA documents such as toxicological/residue monographs as available on the FAO and WHO websites.

Analysis

Codex members and observers are invited to make proposals for:

- ❖ Part I. Veterinary drugs for inclusion in the Priority List for JECFA evaluation/re-evaluation

The proposed veterinary drug shall meet some or all the following criteria:

- A Member has proposed the compound for evaluation (a template for information recommended for consideration in the priority list by the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods has been completed and will be available to the Committee).
- A Member has established good veterinary practices regarding the compound.
- The compound has the potential to cause public health and/or international trade problems.
- The compound is available as a commercial product.
- There is a commitment that a dossier will be made available.
- ❖ Part II. Veterinary drugs for which data availability should be confirmed at CCRVDF26
 - CCRVDF25 agreed to retain Amoxicillin, Ethoxyquin (feed additive use) and Norfloxacin on the Priority List subject to confirmation of the availability of data by CCRVDF26 (2023).

¹The Priority List: https://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/codexalimentarius/doc/CCRVDF26DBcountriesneedsMRLsvetdrugsE.xlsx

- ❖ Part III. Veterinary drugs for which additional data / information is necessary to complete the JECFA evaluation
- ❖ Part IV. Parallel review - Evaluation of a new compound
 - JECFA88 (2019) could not recommend MRLs for Ethion, Flumethrin and Fosfomycin with the available data
 - JECFA94 (2022) evaluated 4 veterinary drugs i.e., Imidacloprid, Ivermectin, Nicarbazin and Selamectin
 - JECFA94 (2022) could not recommend MRLs for Imidacloprid and Selamectin

Main Comments Submitted By Codex Delegations

- ❖ Part I. Veterinary drugs for inclusion in the Priority List for JECFA evaluation/re-evaluation
 - Chile proposes a reevaluation of Amoxicillin 50% to develop codex MRLs for this drug in broiler chicken tissues .
 - The Republic of Korea requests to include two veterinary drugs, Clopidol and Fumagillin, in the Priority List for JECFA evaluation/re-evaluation
- ❖ Part II. Veterinary drugs for which data availability should be confirmed at CCRVDF26
 - Peru inform that toxicological data has been processed to support the evaluation of norfloxacin
 - Uganda is unable to support evaluation of the compounds (Amoxicillin, Ethoxyquin and Norfloxaci) due to lack of capacity to generate the relevant data .
- ❖ Part IV. Parallel review - Evaluation of a new compound
 - Uganda is unable to support evaluation of the compounds (Ethion, Flumethrin and Fosfomycin) due to lack of capacity to generate the relevant data.

Conclusion and recommendations

- ❖ Arab Codex delegations may support the proposal of the priority list considering that some of these drugs are highly used in Arab region for many animal species (cattle, camels, goats, sheep...).
- ❖ Regarding the lack of MRLs established for camel products, it's recommended that Arab delegates make interventions at CCRVDF26 requesting that such MRLs be included in the CCRVDF priority lists and that petitioners (molecule developers) be encouraged to generate data supporting the establishment of MRLs for camel tissues along with other species.