

**European Community Comments on
Codex Circular Letter CL 2006/35-RVDF**

Point ii):

**Draft Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory
Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary
Drugs in Food Producing Animals**

At the 16th CCRVDF the Committee agreed to merge the draft *Guidelines on Regulatory Programmes for Control of Veterinary Drug Residues in Foods* (prepared by New Zealand) and the technical annexes of the draft analysis and sampling guidelines ((PART I, II, III prepared by Canada) with the associated deletion of the redundant text (see paragraph 87 of ALINORM 06/29/31). The combined text has been renamed: “*Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of National Regulatory Food Safety Assurance Programmes Associated with the Use of Veterinary Drugs in Food Producing Animals*” and is available as Appendix VII of ALINORM 06/29/31.

It is reiterated that while the Committee agreed with the revised and merged text, it also recognised that additional work was still needed to “*improve paragraph ordering and readability of the text*” (paragraph 86 of ALINORM 06/29/31).

We would consider this primarily the task of the leader of the *ad hoc* Working Group, the delegation of New Zealand. However, until now no revised text has been provided for comments. Efforts made during the last Committee meeting demonstrated that this complex work cannot be accomplished during a CCRVDF meeting.

The European Community would therefore offer the delegation of New Zealand its help in revising the draft.