

**Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods  
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**European Union comments on  
Matters referred by the CAC and other Codex Committees and Task  
Forces**

**Agenda Item 2, CX/RVDF 12/20/2 Add.1**

**Mixed competence  
European Union vote**

**Matters referred by CCGP – "concern form"**

In principle, the European Union and its Member States are not against the use of concern forms in the CCRVDF work. However, there appears to be no real need for such forms because of the low number of MRLs that CCRVDF has to deal with at any one time. The situation is different in CCPR which has each time a large number of MRLs on its agenda because of the high number of pesticide/commodity combinations. To speed up the process, CCPR had to introduce the concept of concern forms. In CCRVDF, when countries have problems with proposed MRLs, they have ample opportunities to bring them forward with necessary explanations on a case-by-case basis. There is thus no need to create an additional layer of procedures for the CCRVDF work by introducing the concept of concern forms.