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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
COMMENTS ON

CODEX CIRCULAR LETTER CL 2003/24 – RVDF

**Report of the 14th session of the Codex Committee on Residues of
Veterinary Drugs in Foods (ALINORM 03/41) - Request for
comments**

The European Community would like to make the following comments regarding acceptance of MRLs proposed at step 6 (appendix VI of ALINORM 03/41):

1. The MRLs proposed for phoxim for cattle tissues and cattle milk can be accepted from the point of view of adequate protection of human health.
2. The temporary MRLs for cyhalothrin for ovine tissues can be accepted provided an adequately validated analytical method is provided. The temporary MRLs for porcine tissues are at present not supported, due to the lack of information to confirm the marker residue and thereby the ratio of marker residue to total residues.
3. The proposed temporary MRLs for cefuroxime for cow's milk were accepted under the condition that the concerns expressed by the European Community in its previous comments are fully considered by JECFA. It should be underlined that this does not mean that the European Community will agree to further advancement. Any such agreement would depend on the outcome of further evaluation and discussion by JECFA and CCRVDF on this substance. The European Agency for Evaluation of Medicinal Products has submitted the detailed scientific considerations on the evaluation of cefuroxime to the JECFA secretariat.