

**Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
(17th Session)
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**European Community comments on the Discussion Paper
on Risk Management Topics and Options for the CCRVDF
(Agenda item 10, CX/RVDF 07/17/13)**

**Mixed competence
European Community vote**

The European Community and its Member States (ECMS) thank the delegation of France for having led the electronic Working Group and prepared the "*Discussion Paper on risk management topics and options for the CCRVDF*" to be discussed at the 17th CCRVDF session.

The ECMS note the suggestion that the CCRVDF establishes a physical working group to meet during its 17th session with the mandate to:

- 1) review the recommendations of the discussion paper;
- 2) prioritize among them,
- 3) consider ways to advance the work further.

The ECMS consider that most of the proposed listed items for discussion concern the risk assessment approach for establishing MRLs for veterinary drugs: current and new JECFA approach (66th JECFA report). The ECMS also note that certain items have already been extensively discussed in previous CCRVDF session without being conclusive.

Having taken this into consideration, the ECMS support the request for in depth discussions between CCRVDF and JECFA on the proposed new risk assessment approach, in particular before application of this approach to any veterinary drug for JECFA evaluation.

The ECMS encourage that when discussing the scientific evaluation approach for establishing MRLs for veterinary drugs, alternative methods are also carefully considered.

Consequently the ECMS support the establishment of a physical working group in order to advance those items. Nevertheless the ECMS believe that it will be rather difficult to finalise discussions during the 17th Session of the Committee. In any case the ECMS would be readily prepared to participate, should the meeting be convened.