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European Community comments on the MRLs for melengestrol acetate

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European Community competence
European Community vote

In the 17th session of the CCRVDF it was agreed to retain the draft Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) for melengestrol acetate (MGA) in cattle tissues at step 7 with the understanding that the European Community (EC) would provide new data for a re-evaluation of MGA by JECFA.

As a follow-up of the above conclusion, the EC provided a comprehensive set of the data to JECFA.

The EC notes from the 70th report of JECFA that JECFA did not consider it necessary to reconsider the Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) for MGA on the basis of the new data provided by the EC and that the recommended MRLs were therefore maintained.

The EC re-iterates its concerns that by excess intake of residues of MGA and its metabolites, endocrine, developmental, immunological, neurobiological, immunotoxic, genotoxic and carcinogenic effects could be envisaged, in particular for susceptible risk groups.