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**TO:** Codex Contact Points  
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**FROM:** Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission,  
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy

**SUBJECT: Request for Comments at Steps 6 of the Procedure on:**

- i) *Draft Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs (colistin and ractopamine);*
- 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*

**DEADLINE: 30 March 2007**

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## BACKGROUND

1. The 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods advanced to Step 5 of the Procedure the proposed draft *Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs* (colistin and ractopamine) (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 77 and Appendix IV) and the proposed 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* (ALINORM 06/29/12, para. 86 and Appendix VII).
2. The 29<sup>th</sup> Session (July 2006) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted the above texts at Step 5 and advanced them to Step 6 (ALINORM 06/29/41, para. 71 and Appendix V). They will be considered by the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods, tentatively scheduled in September 2007.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Comments are hereby requested at Step 6 on the above texts as presented in Appendices IV and VII of ALINORM 06/29/31. The texts are available from the Codex website at the following address: [ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/alinorm06/al29\\_31e.pdf](ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/alinorm06/al29_31e.pdf)
4. Governments and international organizations wishing to provide comments should do so in writing, *preferably by e-mail*, to the above addresses **before 30 March 2007**.