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Discussion Paper on Data Requirements for the Establishment of Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs for Minor Species

The European Community suggests that this document is redrafted to be called "Discussion Paper on Data Requirements for the Extrapolation of data from one species to another". This is because a global definition of "minor species" seems to be unattainable. For instance sheep may be a minor species in Sweden, but they are the major species in Australia. It should also be considered whether it is possible to extrapolate from sheep to cattle.

However, the issue is also very technical. The European Community proposes to establish a special group to prepare a discussion paper revised to this end. The European Community would like to support this initiative and co-operate with this working group.

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