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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
COMMENTS ON

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Agenda Item 8: CONTROL OF VETERINARY DRUG RESIDUES IN MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

The European Community would like to thank the United States for redrafting this paper and supports the proposed draft Appendix to the Guidelines for the Establishment of a Regulatory Programme for Control of Veterinary Drug Residues in Foods. However, the European Community would like to present the following comments:

Point 2.2:

The European Community supports this point and would like to underline the fact that milk controls could be done either at the farm level from the collection tank or it is also possible at the dairy plant level before the bulk tank coming from the farm is discharged, in such a way that it is possible to trace back to the farm of origin.

Point 3.5:

The European Community believes that the frequency and the groups of substances to be tested in the national residue monitoring plan, should be established with a view to priorities.

The control strategy should be decided by the Competent Authorities considering the situation of the country and the risk analysis principles, and the farms should follow the instructions given by the national competent authorities.

Point 4.3: The European Community believes that testing for residues should be done on raw milk as it is mentioned in point 4.7. and not on processed milk. The European Community supports the development of pharmacokinetics and metabolism studies about the distribution of drugs in milk.