

**Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
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**European Community comments on the
Discussion Paper on consideration of methods of analysis and sampling in
CCRVDF**

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**Mixed competence
European Community vote**

The European Community and its Member States (ECMS) would like to thank the United Kingdom for leading the electronic working group preparing the discussion paper on consideration of methods of analysis and sampling in CCRVDF.

The ECMS can largely agree with the recommendations of the electronic working group and wish to make the following specific comments:

Recommendations a and b

It is appropriate that CCRVDF, when considering MRL recommendations of JECFA, verifies that the analytical method provided to JECFA fulfils the appropriate performance criteria in paragraphs 201-226 of Appendix VI of ALINORM 08/31/31. However, CCRVDF should not recommend any such method for monitoring purposes as there are often other more efficient methods available, especially for screening purposes.

Recommendation c

CCRVDF should ensure that the performance criteria for analytical methods are kept up to date. The ECMS therefore agree with the recommendation to consider developing performance criteria for multi-residue analytical methods. In that context, also issues in relation to method validation could be considered.

Recommendations d and e

It has become evident over the years that CCRVDF is not in a position to establish a list of recommended analytical methods for residues for which Codex MRLs have been established and to keep such a list updated taking into account technological developments in laboratory techniques. Therefore, the ECMS are in favour of suspension of further work on the compendium and its eventual withdrawal.