

**Reply of the European Union to CL 2020/42-RVDF  
on extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs**

*European Union Competence*

*European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) would like to thank Codex members and observers for a very active and constructive participation in the electronic working group on the extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs.

The EU supports the proposed approach for the extrapolation of MRLs for veterinary drugs to one or more species as presented in Annex I of CL 2020/42-RVDF. It provides a solid basis for CCRVDF in its role as a risk manager to recommend MRLs for species for which no residue data is available to allow JECFA to recommend MRLs. It will enable increased availability of Codex MRLs for veterinary drugs for trade while maintaining the protection of the consumer.

The EU also supports the proposals for MRLs extrapolated based on the proposed approach as presented in Annex II of CL 2020/42-RVD and their advancement in the Step Procedure.