

**Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
(19th Session)
Burlington, USA, 30 August-3 September 2010**

**European Union comments on the
Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex
Committees and Task Forces**

Agenda item 2, CX/RVDF 10/19/2

**Mixed competence
Member States vote**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 32ND AND 33RD SESSION OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
COMMISSION**

B. Matters for Action

***Proposed review of Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Residues
of Veterinary Drugs in Foods***

It is important to ensure that CCRVDF covers food safety risks arising from animal feed in its specific area of work while the newly created Task Force on Animal Feeding will cover the issue in a more holistic manner. Therefore, the European Union and its Member States (EUMS) support the proposed changes to the *Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods* as indicated in italics and bold in Annex 1 to document CX/RVDF 10/19/2 with the following rewording of the first addition:

*a) This document also applies to **residues of** veterinary drugs in food originating from ~~residues~~ **the use of veterinary drugs in feed** ~~of animal origin~~ where it can **affect** ~~impact~~ food safety.*

MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

A. Matters for Action

Committee on General Principles (CCGP)

Review of the Risk Analysis Policies of Codex Committees

The EUMS do not see the need to review the *Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods* in view of the conclusion of CCGP that the Committee specific texts on risk analysis policies are generally consistent with the *Working Principles for Risk Analysis*. The current text gives a proper framework for the work of CCRVDF and revising it only for the sake of aligning its structure with the *Working Principles* would be of limited practical value.

Proposal for Revision of the Definition of "Hazard" in the Procedural Manual

The current definition¹ of a "hazard" in the *Definitions of Risk Analysis Terms Related to Food Safety* adequately defines a "hazard" in the area of work of CCRVDF. Therefore, the EUMS do not see a need to add the proposed footnote to the definition, at least from the CCRVDF point of view. It appears from the discussion at CCGP that a possible problem with the definition mainly relates to nutritional risk assessment and therefore CCNFSDU should further consider the matter.

¹ A biological, chemical or physical agent in, or a condition of, food with the potential to cause an adverse health effect.