

**Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods  
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**European Union comments on the  
Discussion Paper on the Policy for the Establishment of MRLs or Other  
Limits in Honey**

**Agenda Item 11, CX/RVDF 12/20/14**

**Mixed competence  
European Union vote**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank the United Kingdom for leading the work on establishing MRLs in honey. The discussion paper prepared by the electronic working group led by the UK provides very useful and concrete proposals on how to address the issue of setting MRLs in honey.

The EUMS support the draft risk assessment policy as proposed in Annex 2 of the discussion paper. In line with the Working Principles for Risk Analysis<sup>1</sup> (paragraph 14), CCRVDF should submit the draft risk assessment policy for JECFA's review.

Concerning the Canadian policy for setting Working Residue Levels in honey described in Annex 1 of the discussion paper, the EUMS suggest discussing it further in the context of the overall discussion on MRL extrapolation under agenda item 12.

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<sup>1</sup> Procedural Manual, 20th Edition, p. 106