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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON
CODEX CIRCULAR LETTER CL 2009/21-RVDF:
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS / INFORMATION ON
VETERINARY DRUGS REGISTERED FOR HONEY PRODUCTION
AND BEE HEALTH, HONEY CONSUMPTION AND
GOOD VETERINARY PRACTICES IN HONEY PRODUCTION

In response to CL 2009/21-RVDF the EC, with the assistance of EMEA, is pleased to provide the following information:

- Veterinary drugs registered for honey production and bee health:
A table with a compiled list of veterinary drugs registered for honey production and bee health in the EC Member States, Norway and Iceland. The table has the same data elements as the template in Annex I of CL 2009/21-RVDF. The table is also published on the following website:
[http://www.hma.eu/uploads/media/76_Questionnaire - Bee products in EU - EMEA-CMDv-36668-2009.pdf](http://www.hma.eu/uploads/media/76_Questionnaire_-_Bee_products_in_EU_-_EMEA-CMDv-36668-2009.pdf)
- Detailed data for honey consumption:
A table containing data available from Eurostat. These data provide the gross honey consumption, by time and geographical area. However, no further breakdown as to direct or indirect consumption is available.
- Good veterinary practice in honey production:
Efforts were made to obtain information on GVP in honey production and several relevant organisations were contacted to find out whether documents on good veterinary practice in honey production are available. However, no information or documents on GVP in honey production could be obtained.

EMEA is engaged in the issue of veterinary drugs for bees and bee health and is organising a workshop in December 2009 in relation to the availability of veterinary medicinal products in bees. Through these activities further information may become available in the future.