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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON

CODEX CIRCULAR LETTER CL 2002/32 – RVDF

**Request for Comments at Step 6 on Draft Standard and Related
Texts of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in
Foods**

The European Community has to reiterate its reserve with regard to further advancement from Step 6 of the « Proposed Draft Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs: Deltamethrin, Dicyclanil, Melengestrol acetate and Trichlorfon (Metrifonate). The European Community has previously expressed concerns regarding these MRLs at the 13th session of CCRVDF regarding these substances. CCRVDF referred the substances Deltamethrin, Dicyclanil and Trichlorfon (metrifonate) back to JECFA for re-evaluation (paragraph 98 ALINORM 03/31). The European Community will also further reiterate its reserve regarding the advancement of the draft standard for Melengestrol acetate as part of the comments to CL 2002/34-RVDF.

The 13th session of CCRVDF agreed to add a footnote to the draft standard for Clenbuterol as follows: “Due to the potential for abuse of this drug, the MRLs are recommended only when associated with a nationally approved therapeutic use, such as for tocolysis or as an adjunct therapy in respiratory disease”. The European Community is supportive this footnote.