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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
COMMENTS ON

- **Codex Circular Letter CL 2000/23-RVDF : Request for comments on the priority list of veterinary drugs requiring evaluation or re-evaluation and**
- **Codex Circular Letter CL 2000/28-RVDF: Request for comments at steps 6 and 3 on draft and proposed draft MRLs for veterinary drugs**

On request of the Commission services the competent committee for evaluation of maximum residue limits for pharmacologically active substances used in veterinary medicinal products, the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products, considered the Codex Circular letters 2000/23 and 2000/28.

Comments of the Codex document CL 2000/23-RVDF: Request for Comments on the priority list of veterinary drugs requiring evaluation or reevaluation

The European Community is not in the position to recommend any substance for inclusion in the priority list of veterinary drugs requiring evaluation or re-evaluation. The industry concerned has provided information that at present no company is prepared to provide a dossier to JECFA, and act as sponsor for the establishment of Codex MRLs in respect to a priority list to be established at the 13th CCRVDF.

In relation to this information, it can be noted that Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 on maximum residue limits for substances used in veterinary medicinal products in the European Community has been fully implemented since 1 January 2000 and more than 600 substances have been included in the Annexes to the Regulation. There is therefore no immediate need for proposals from a European perspective.

Comments of the Codex document CL 2000/28-RVDF: **Request for comments at steps 6 and 3 on draft and proposed draft MRLs for veterinary drugs**

Part 1. Draft MRLs at step 6

It is recommended to accept the following draft Codex MRLs as these values do not differ significantly from those adopted by the European Community in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 and do not pose any risks with respect to consumer safety: neomycin and phoxim.

For the following substances it is recommended that the European Community does not give the support for the proposed draft Codex MRLs: Porcine somatotropin and thiamphenicol. In the first instance no safety and residue evaluation has been performed in the European Community, as no application was submitted, and for thiamphenicol a detailed justification for this position will be provided at a later date.

Part 2. Proposed draft MRLs at step 3

It is recommended to accept the following draft Codex MRLs as these values do not differ significantly from those adopted by the European Community in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 and do not pose any risks with respect to consumer safety: Cyhalothrin for bovine and ovine species and lincomycin.

For the following substances it is recommended that the European Community does not give the support for the proposed draft Codex MRLs: Melengestrol acetate, trichlorfon (metrifonate) and cyhalothrin for porcine tissues. In the first instance no safety and residue evaluation has been performed in the European Community, as no application was submitted, and for trichlorfon (metrifonate) and cyhalothrin for porcine tissues detailed justifications for this position will be provided at a later date.

For the substances dicyclanil and ivermectin no comments can unfortunately not be made at present but a proposal for a position will be provided at a later date.