European Community Comments for the

CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS

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The European Community suggests that the CCRDVF develop performance criteria for methods to be employed for the control of residues in food. The European Community would not support only a system that would be aimed at the adoption of specific methods on a case by case basis. It is also necessary to distinguish clearly between routine methods and confirmatory methods.

The European Community has drafted a relevant “proposal on performance based criteria for routine methods of analysis for residues of veterinary drugs in food” (attached). The above-mentioned proposal could form the basis for the drafting of CCRVDF Guidelines for Methods of Analysis for Veterinary Drugs by a working group.

An important element of this approach is that laboratories involved in regulatory residue testing programs have implemented quality assurance systems based on international Standards such as EN 45001/ISO Guide 25.

CC RVDF might also consider developing a laboratory network, which may include Regional Reference Laboratories1.

The European Community would like to take up this initiative and co-ordinate the working group.

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