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CALL FOR EXPERTS ON CARRY-OVER FROM FEED TO FOOD OF UNAVOIDABLE AND UNINTENDED RESIDUES OF APPROVED VETERINARY DRUGS

(for FAO/WHO Expert Consultation Meeting – Rome, Italy – 7 to 11 January 2019)

Deadline: 15 September 2018

Background

The 23rd Codex Committee on Residue of Veterinary Drugs in Food has requested FAO and WHO to provide scientific advice to address the issue of unintended presence of residues of approved veterinary drugs in food of animal origin resulting from carry-over of veterinary drugs in feed.

Even under circumstances where all relevant good practices (e.g. GAP, GMP, etc.) had been fully implemented and followed in feed manufacturing facilities, an unintended and unavoidable presence of low levels of certain veterinary drugs in feed lots that follow the production of medicated feed can be observed. To evaluate any potential consequences for food safety from such feed, it is critical to determine whether such low-level presence of residues in food associated with unavoidable and unintended carry-over in feed: (i) would constitute a threat to human health; and (ii) would impact negatively on trade. In addition, potential risk management measures should be developed to mitigate any risk as necessary.

This information will be used to evaluate the need for any new work or revision of Codex Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding or on the development of specific guidance or capacity development assistance to countries for implementing the Code.

Objective of this call

The objective of this call is to identify qualified scientists and experts willing to serve in an FAO/WHO expert consultation meeting on carry-over from feed to food of unavoidable and unintended residues of approved veterinary drugs that will take place in Rome from 7 to 11 January 2019 to guide the elaboration of appropriate Codex texts and advise FAO, WHO and their Member States.

Criteria and process for selection of experts

According to the procedures described in the FAO/WHO framework for the provision of scientific advice on food safety and nutrition¹, expressions of interest will be reviewed by a panel including FAO and WHO officers as well as at least one independent, internationally recognized expert appointed by FAO/WHO. The panel will establish a list of qualified experts and, based on the requirements described below, as well as geographic and gender balance, will select those who will assist the Secretariat with preparatory work and/or participate in the expert consultation meeting.

Basic and essential qualifications of experts

FAO and WHO place great value on the technical qualification and independence of the participating experts as well as to the transparency of its selection process.

¹ Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-a1296e.pdf>

Assessing the available scientific data and providing scientific advice on carry-over from feed to food of unavoidable and unintended residues of approved veterinary drugs and the related risks is a multidisciplinary exercise. Experts are expected to have a high level of relevant expertise on carry-over from feed to food of unavoidable and unintended residues of approved veterinary drugs, as well as on the assessment of risks and on potential risk management strategies and options, demonstrated by peer-reviewed literature of which they are authors or by their contributions to relevant meetings and/or reports. An understanding of the overall food safety risk analysis process would be of advantage.

Qualified experts will be selected based on their experience, skills and competencies. Selected experts will be notified in time and are then requested to review the literature and prepare background papers in advance of the meeting. Meetings are conducted in English and participation in the meeting is required for the whole duration. The cost of participation (travel and Daily Subsistence Allowance) is covered by FAO/WHO, however, honoraria are not provided.

Successful candidates should meet the following requirements:

- a. Advanced university degree(s) in veterinary science, pharmacology, animal science, toxicology, animal nutrition, food science, epidemiology, public health or other relevant topics;
- b. Proven academic track record on the topics covered in this call or proven experience in delivering scientific assessments on feed and food safety, and/or risk assessment;
- c. At least 5 years of experience in food/feed safety and risk analysis;
- d. Ability to express themselves and write documents in English; and
- e. Familiarity with MS-office productivity suite.

Appointment of experts

Experts will be invited in their personal capacity based on their expert knowledge and they will not represent any institution or employer. The views of the independent expert would not necessarily be reflective of any views and positions of his or her employer. All experts will be required to complete a Declaration of Interest form before participation in the expert meeting can be confirmed.

Application

Interested applicants should submit their *curriculum vitae* in English, including a description of their education, work experience, two personal references that have knowledge of their professional qualifications and a list of peer reviewed publications relevant to the topics above by 15 September 2018 to Daniela.Battaglia@fao.org, Saskia.Reppin@fao.org and verger@who.int. Please do not include reprints in your submission unless specifically requested later.

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