

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. FSIS-2017-0053]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food**AGENCY:** Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are sponsoring a public meeting on April 4, 2018. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 24th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission's (Codex's) Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF), taking place in Chicago, Illinois, April 23-27, 2018. The Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 24th Session of the CCRVDF and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 107-A, Washington, DC 20250.

Documents related to the 24th Session of the CCRVDF will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Brandi Robinson, U.S. Delegate to the 24th Session of the CCRVDF, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Brandi.Robinson@fda.hhs.gov.

Call-in-Number

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 24th Session of the CCRVDF by conference call, please use the following call-in-number:

Call-in-Number: 1-888-844-9904.

The participant code will be posted on the following web page: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/ffsis/topics/international-affairs/us-codex-alimentarius/public-meetings>.

Registration

Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing uscodex@fsis.usda.gov by April 2, 2018. Early registration is encouraged as it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will be held in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Persons who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but wish to participate, may do so by phone.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 24TH SESSION OF THE CCRVDF CONTACT: Brandi Robinson, International Program Manager, Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation, Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA, 7500 Standish Place, HFV-100, Rockville, MD 20855, Telephone: (240) 402-0645, Email: Brandi.Robinson@fda.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING CONTACT: Kenneth Lowery, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Agriculture Building, Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 690-4042, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: Kenneth.Lowery@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization (FAO/WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The CCRVDF is responsible for determining priorities for the consideration of residues of veterinary drugs in foods, recommending maximum levels of such substances, developing codes of practice as may be required, and considering methods of sampling and analysis for the determination of veterinary drug residues in foods.

The Committee is hosted by the United States.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 24th Session of the CCRVDF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies;
- Matters of interest arising from the FAO/WHO and from the 85th Meeting

of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA);

- Report of the World Organisation for Animal Health activities, including harmonization of technical requirements for registration of veterinary medicinal products (VICH);
 - Draft Risk Management Recommendation for gentian violet;
 - Proposed draft maximum residue limits (MRLs) for zilpaterol hydrochloride (cattle fat, kidney, liver, muscle) (81st JECFA) at Step 4;
 - Proposed draft MRLs for amoxicillin (finfish fillet, muscle); ampicillin (finfish fillet, muscle); flumethrin (honey), lufenuron (salmon and trout fillet), monenpantel (cattle fat, kidney, liver, muscle) (85th JECFA) at Step 3;
 - Discussion paper on MRLs for groups of fish species;
 - Discussion paper on edible offal tissues (possible definition and edible offal tissues of interest in international trade);
 - Discussion paper on the revision of the criteria for the use of multi-residue analytical methods for the determination and identification of veterinary drugs in foods in Codex;
 - Discussion paper on the evaluation of the rationale for the decline in new compounds to be included in the CCRVDF Priority List for evaluation by JECFA;
 - Database on countries' need for MRLs;
 - Draft priority list of veterinary drugs requiring evaluation or re-evaluation by JECFA; and
 - Other business and future work.
- Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat before the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the April 4, 2018, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 24th Session of the CCRVDF, Brandi Robinson (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to the activities of the 24th Session of the CCRVDF.

Additional Public Notification

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.), should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Done at Washington, DC, on February 13, 2018.

Mary Frances Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Ohio Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Ohio Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting via web conference on Friday March 2, 2018, from 11:30am-1:00 p.m. EST for the purpose of hearing public testimony on voting rights in the state.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. EST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Wojnaroski, DFO, at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov or 312-353-8311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Call Information: (audio only)
Dial: 877-741-4240, Conference ID: 7829359.

Web Access Information: (visual only)
The online portion of the meeting may be accessed through the following link: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/kyos4gwvgpp5&eom>.

Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the above listed toll free number (audio only) and web access link (visual only). Please use *both* the call in number *and* the web access link in order to follow the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing

impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Regional Programs Unit Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8324, or emailed to Carolyn Allen at callen@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit Office at (312) 353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Ohio Advisory Committee link (<http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=268>). Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit Office at the above email or street address.

This is the first in a series of public meetings the Committee will hold on this topic. Please consult the **Federal Register** or contact the Regional Programs Unit for additional information on other upcoming meetings.

Agenda

Welcome and Roll Call
Panel Presentations: Voting Rights in Ohio
Public Comment
Adjournment

Dated: February 13, 2018.

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Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meetings of the Arkansas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.
