

Report of the 3rd Session of the Codex Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance

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The *Codex Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance held the Third Session in Jeju, Republic of Korea, from 12 to 16 October 2009, at the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea. Dr. Kwang-HO Lee, Director of Food Safety Evaluation Department, Korea Food and Drug Administration, presided over the Session. The Session was attended by 148 delegates from 43 member countries, 1 member organization and observers from 8 international organizations and FAO and WHO.

The Session was opened by Dr. Yeo-Pyo Yun, Commissioner, Korea Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Yun welcomed the delegates and indicated that the development of the Guidelines for Risk Analysis of Food borne Antimicrobial Resistance would contribute to the protection of consumers' health. He also pointed out that the Task Force provided an opportunity for strengthening international co-operation.

The delegation of the United States of America, speaking as the Chairperson of the electronic working group on the development of proposed draft guidelines, briefly introduced document CX/AMR 09/3/4. The Task Force noted that the electronic working group had prepared a consolidated document, which took into account the decisions of the previous of the session and attempted to include and reconcile all comments received.

The Task Force noted that the electronic working group put forward several issues, which required further discussion at the present session. The Task Force considered those issues and made the following decisions:

The Task Force noted that the electronic working group could not reach consensus as to the inclusion of a general principle to address animal health and welfare. It agreed that this matter would be discussed when considering the document in detail.

The Task Force agreed to forward the proposed draft Guidelines to the 33rd Session of Commission for adoption at Step 5.