

Report of the 1st Session of the Codex Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance

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The Codex *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance held its First Session in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 23 to 26 October 2007, by courtesy of the Government of the Republic of Korea. Dr Gun-Jo Woo, Director, Center for Food Safety, Korea Food and Drug Administration, presided over the Session. The Session was attended by 138 delegates from 36 Member countries and 1 Member organization and Observers from 9 international organizations.

The Task Force agreed to forward the project document of Risk assessment as amended (see Appendix III) to the 61st Session of the Executive Committee for Critical Review and to the 31st Session of the Commission for approval as new work. It further agreed to establish a physical Working Group, under the leadership of Canada, open to all delegations and observers and working in English, French and Spanish, which would prepare a proposed draft guidance document for circulation at approximately by April 2008 and further consideration at Step 4 at the Second Session of the Task Force. The Task Force noted that consideration of the proposed draft at Step 4 was subject to approval of the proposed new work by the Commission in July 2008.

The Task Force agreed to forward the project document of Risk management as amended (see Appendix IV) to the 61st Session of the Executive Committee for Critical Review and to the 31st Session of the Commission for approval as new work. It further agreed to establish a physical Working Group, to be hosted by the European Community and co-chaired by Denmark and France, open to all delegations and observers and working in English, French and Spanish, which would prepare a proposed draft guidance document for circulation at Step 3 and further consideration at Step 4 at the Second Session of the Task Force. The Task Force noted that consideration of the proposed draft at Step 4 was subject to approval of the proposed new work by the Commission in July 2008.

The Task Force agreed to forward the project document of Risk profile as amended (see Appendix V) to the 61st Session of the Executive Committee for Critical Review and to the 31st Session of the Commission for approval as new work. It further agreed to establish a physical Working Group, under the leadership of the United States of America, open to all delegations and observers and working in English, French and Spanish, which would prepare a proposed draft guidance document

for circulation at Step 3 approximately by April 2008 and further consideration at Step 4 at the Second Session of the Task Force. The Task Force noted that consideration of the proposed draft at Step 4 was subject to approval of the proposed new work by the Commission in July 2008.

The Task Force noted that its 2nd Session was tentatively scheduled to be held in October/November 2008.