

# TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EFSA SCIENTIFIC NETWORK ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS DATA COLLECTION

## Objectives

The role of the Network on residues of veterinary medicinal products data collection is to advise and assist the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in cooperation with the European Commission on all scientific and practical matters related to the collection, analysis and reporting of data on residues of veterinary medicinal products in live animals and animal products in the European Union. This applies in particular to the reporting in the framework of the mandate and provisions of Council Directive 96/23/EC<sup>1</sup>.

The network is specifically asked to advise and assist EFSA on matters related to:

- Update the data model, related catalogues and reporting specifications for Member States and other reporting countries.
- Definition of the most optimal ways to analyse the data collected.
- Exchange of information and sample based data on residues of veterinary medicinal products in live animals and animal products between Member States and EFSA.
- Review the annual summary report based on the data collected.

## Members of the scientific network

Members of the network shall be appointed in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 of the Decision of the Management Board of EFSA on the establishment and operations of networks.

The network is composed of national representatives with expertise on residues of veterinary medicinal products data reporting. The members are expected to also act as a communication point for relevant organisations and stakeholders within their Member States, ensuring the exchange of scientific information between national organisations and the EFSA DATA unit.

## Working language

English will be the working language of the network.

## Working methods

The Network has the possibility to hold up to two face-to-face meetings a year and can occasionally be consulted on specific issues in writing or by teleconference. In addition, the Network will use other means of collaboration such as:

- web-based electronic interfaces for sharing information and data, such as the EFSA's Data Management System (DMS);

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<sup>1</sup> Council Directive 96/23/EC on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC. OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10.

- e-mails for specific questions or issues.

Members States representative in this network shall commit to liaise as appropriate at national level before and after each network meeting in order to make sure all the necessary information is shared without prejudice to Article 10 of the Decision of the Management Board concerning the establishment and operation of European Networks of scientific organisations operating in the field within the Authority's mission.

**Timeline**

The terms of reference will be renewed after 3 years in 2018.

**Expected deliverables**

Minutes of the meeting(s)

**Publication plan**

Publication of the meeting minutes on the EFSA's website.