

CODEX and Feed & Food Safety

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Abstract

The Codex Alimentarius Commission has recognized the importance of animal feed and its contribution to the production of safe food. This is particularly important as modern approach to food safety aims at preventing the entry of hazards into food at an early stage of the food chain, including animal feed. In this context Codex has established two Task Forces on Animal Feeding, which completed their work in 2004 and 2011 respectively. Upon completion of the second Task Force, the Codex Alimentarius Commission agreed that work on animal feeding would continue in various Codex committees within their specific responsibilities.

The focus of this presentation is to illustrate Codex recent work and ongoing discussion relevant on animal feeding. In particular in the Committees on Contaminants in Foods (maximum limits for contaminants and codes of practice for the prevention and reduction of food and feed contamination); on Pesticide Residues (maximum residue limits and food and feed classification system); on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (maximum residue limits and carry-over of drug residues into feed), Food Hygiene (codes of hygienic practice, guidelines for the control of microorganisms) and Food Import and Export Certification Systems (exchange of information between countries on rejections, emergency).