

**CALL FOR EARLY COMMENTS ON A REFLECTION PAPER ON RESIDUES  
IN FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN**

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 15 January 2004, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Communities.

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1. The European Commission has prepared a discussion paper that presents points that need to be considered and debated with a view to reconsider and modify European Community legislation concerning residues of veterinary medicinal products.
  2. On the basis of the comments received, the European Commission will present a proposal for new legislation on the evaluation of residues of pharmacologically active substances used in food producing animals and for their control.
  3. The full text (in English only) is available at the internet addresses indicated below:  
  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/consultations/cons2\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/consultations/cons2_en.htm)  
<http://pharmacos.eudra.org/F2/pharmacos/docs.htm#rfpwebsite>
  4. A formal notification of the resulting "*proposal for new legislation on the evaluation of residues of pharmacologically active substances used in food producing animals and for their control*" will be made to the WTO Secretariat once a majority view is adopted in consultation with EC member States.
  5. The European Commission already invites trade partners to submit comments at this early stage. In order to fulfil the planned calendar, comments should be sent before 20 March 2004. Comments may be sent to the EC Enquiry Point although they should preferably be sent to the internet address indicated below:  
  
[comments-mrlpaper@cec.eu.int](mailto:comments-mrlpaper@cec.eu.int)
  6. The notified document can also be obtained from the EC Enquiry Point.
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