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## **Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR)**

**Last Meeting:** 6th Session, 10-14 December 2018, Republic of Korea

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**Next Meeting:** TBA

### **NZ Delegation Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> session of TFAMR**

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**Major outcomes of interest to New Zealand were as follows:**

#### **The 6th session of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance:**

It was an action packed AMR meeting with much input provided, and progress made, on both on the COP for its containment, and the guidelines on the monitoring and surveillance of foodborne AMR. Significant rework was made on these important documents and as such it was agreed to return the proposed drafts back to Step 2/3 for redrafting. The changes of note are outlined below.

#### **Proposed Draft revision of the Code of Practice (COP) to contain and minimize foodborne antimicrobial resistance (AMR) (CXC 61-2005)**

The text has been re-opened to address the following topics:

- Consideration of the term “Plant/crop production” to “Production of food of plant origin”.
- Consideration of the definitions for “Food of plant origin”, “plant /crop professional”, “Food production environment”, “Therapeutic use”.
- Further development of Principles 5, 6, 7, and 12.
- Further development of section 5 “Responsible and Prudent use of Anti-microbial Agents”.
- Section 6: Further consideration around the wording to encompass the ‘entire’ food chain.
- Section 7: Further consideration regarding whether it is in the mandate of Codex to give advice to consumers on prevention of foodborne illness.

The EWG will continue to be chaired by USA and co-chaired by UK, Kenya, Chile, and China.

## **Proposed draft guidelines on Integrated Monitoring and Surveillance of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance**

The text has been re-opened to address the following topics:

- Review and revise the presentation of the content of section 7.3 on the 'stepwise approach' to monitoring and surveillance so it provides useful guidance to member countries without any suggestion of categorisation. This is due to concern that a stepwise approach could lead to barriers in trade.
- Consider changes to wording throughout the document.

The EWG will continue to be chaired by the Netherlands, and co-chaired by Chile, China and **New Zealand.**