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**CODEX ADOPTS GLOBAL FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS FOR
RACTOPAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE, NARASIN AND MONENSIN**

And Standards for Recombinant Bovine Somatotropin Held at Step 8

ROME, ITALY – 7 July 2012 – The Codex Alimentarius Commission has adopted global food safety standards for ractopamine hydrochloride (ractopamine) at its 35th Session in Rome. “These standards provide an international food safety reference point that helps assure consumers that their food is safe. Codex standards for ractopamine are a significant step toward enabling sustainable meat production, fulfilling the increased demand for animal protein and therefore addressing worldwide hunger,” stated Jeff Simmons, President, Elanco Animal Health.

Ractopamine is a feed ingredient that directs nutrients from fat to lean protein, helping increase the yield of lean meat from pigs and cattle. It is a synthetic organic compound, not an antibiotic nor a steroid hormone.

Simmons added, “Elanco is very pleased with today’s official adoption of the standards by the Commission and is grateful for the numerous countries that supported it.”

The Commission adopted an Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) and Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for pig and cattle tissues (muscle, fat, liver and kidney). The human safety of meat products derived from pigs and cattle fed ractopamine had been confirmed three times by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) in 2004, 2006 and 2010 and by 27 regulatory authorities from around the world.^{1,2,3} Adoption by Codex of an ADI and the MRLs proposed by JECFA helps countries to produce, export, and import foods that are safe, and to verify their safety.

Ractopamine is commercially available from Elanco as Paylean® and Optaflexx®, respectively swine and cattle feed ingredients that direct nutrients to improve carcass leanness, increase average daily gain and improve feed efficiency.

Global Food Safety Standard for Recombinant Bovine Somatotropin Held at Step 8

The Codex Alimentarius Commission also decided to hold the global food safety standards for recombinant bovine somatotropin (rbST) at Step 8 of its adoption procedure. The Commission decided to update the most recent scientific information related to human safety, supporting a food safety standard for rbST before adoption, and asked the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) to conduct an evaluation of the new information. JECFA has already twice evaluated and confirmed the human safety of rbST.⁴

rbST is a supplement that increases milk production in healthy lactating cows, allowing farmers to produce safe, nutritious milk that is not only more affordable because of efficient farming practices, but is also produced in a more environmentally responsible way. Milk from

rbST-supplemented cows, like all milk – organic, conventional, or rbST free – is a good and wholesome source of vital nutrients.

Standards for Other Elanco Compounds Also Adopted at Codex Meeting

The Codex Alimentarius Commission furthermore adopted global food safety standards for narasin for pigs and monensin for cattle. Narasin is a feed additive that improves feed efficiency. Monensin is a feed additive with indications including coccidiosis, bloat prevention, ketosis or feed efficiency according to the country of registration. Adoption of standards for narasin and monensin further underscores Elanco's long-term commitment to supporting JECFA scientific assessments and the importance of establishing global food safety standards via Codex.

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¹ Evaluation of Certain Veterinary Drug Residues in Food (Sixty-second report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives). WHO Technical Report Series. No. 925, 2004.

² Evaluation of Certain Veterinary Drug Residues in Animals and Foods (Sixty-sixth report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives). WHO Technical Report Series. No. 939, 2006.

³ Residue Evaluation of Certain Veterinary Drugs. Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives. FAO JECFA Monographs 9. 2010.

⁴ JECFA (1993). Evaluation of Certain Veterinary Drug Residues in Food - 40th Report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives. WHO, Geneva.