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To: Codex Contact Points

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From: Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme,

Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy

Subject: <u>Distribution of the Report of the Sixth Session of the Codex ad hoc Intergovernmental</u>

Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology (ALINORM 07/30/34) and Request

for Comments on the Proposed Draft Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety

Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Animals

The Report of the Sixth Session of the Codex *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods derived from Biotechnology is attached. It will be considered by the Thirtieth Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rome, Italy, 2-7 July 2007).

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS

The Task Force agreed to return the section on "Use of Antibiotic Resistance Marker Genes" (paragraphs 64-67) of the Proposed Draft Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Animals to Step 3 for comments (see ALINORM 07/30/34 para. 50 and Appendix III).

Governments and interested international organizations wishing to submit their comments should do so, <u>preferably by E-mail</u>, to Dr Nakabayashi Keiichi, Counselor, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. 1-2-2 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku 100-8916 Tokyo, Japan (Fax: +81 3 3503 7965; Email: codexj@mhlw.go.jp), with a copy to the Secretary of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (Fax No.: +39-06-570-54593; Email: codex@fao.org; Fax +39 06 570 54593) <u>no later than 30 June 2007</u>.