



Concept Note

Title: The Second Regional consultation on the draft “*Regional Guideline for Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Foods of Animal Origin*”

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Background and justification: As part of the series of Regional Guidelines for the Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance, Use and Residues in Food and Agriculture, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO RAP) has commenced the development of the “*Regional Guideline for Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Foods of Animal Origin*” in 2023. Like the other guidelines in the series, this Regional Guideline Volume 6 is a collation of international standards and guidance documents (e.g., FAO-WHO CODEX Alimentarius) that supports countries in the region in designing and implementing a national monitoring and surveillance of antimicrobial residues from foods of animal origin.

To prepare this Volume in the series, FAO RAP, with the financial support of the Global Health Security Project (GHSP) for Asia and the Pacific of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Regional Development Mission Asia (RDMA), worked with the Veterinary Medicines Directorate, Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), United Kingdom (one of the globally-designated FAO Reference Centres for AMR) to develop the initial draft of the guideline. This first version was presented as the working draft subjected to review and feedback by the invited and nominated global, regional, and national experts on antimicrobial residues during the First Regional consultation on the draft “*Regional Guideline for Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Food Animals*” held virtually in two parts last September and October 2023.

Taking off from this, and following the extensive inputs gathered during the first consultation, FAO RAP then worked to prepare the next version of the Guideline. This version takes into account the collective comments, feedback, suggestions, and advice received from countries, experts, and additional literature reviews and cross-consultation with existing international standards and guidelines while carefully considering the various stages of advancements of countries in antimicrobial residues surveillance from foods of animal origin.

This latest version and pre-final draft of the guideline will be the working document to be presented and deliberated at the **Second Regional consultation on the draft “*Regional Guideline for Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Foods of Animal Origin*”** to be held on 27-29 January 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand. In addition to the consultation, an implementation planning to coordinate and further systemically advance monitoring and surveillance in Asia and the Pacific region will be taken on Day 3 of the event.

Objectives/Outcomes

1. To present the pre-final draft of the “*Regional Guideline for Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Foods of Animal Origin;*”
2. To show how the feedback, comments, and suggestions received during the First Regional Consultation were handled and addressed;
3. To seek concurrence from national stakeholders, regional partners, and international experts and prepare the final version of the regional guideline;

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4. To brainstorm subsequent activities and ways forward on the utilization of the regional guideline and allied activities to reinforce the overall advancement of monitoring and surveillance of antimicrobial residues in food animals in countries in the region.

Expected Outputs:

1. A final technical version of the *Regional Guideline for Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Foods of Animal Origin* for editing and publication;
2. List of recommendations and action points from countries and relevant stakeholders on the next steps towards the advancement of monitoring and surveillance of antimicrobial residues in foods of animal origin in countries in the region;
3. A meeting report capturing the deliberations and discussions at the *Second Regional consultation on the draft "Regional Guideline for Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Foods of Animal Origin"*.

Key inputs/ Main Activities:

1. Circulation of the pre-final version of the *"Regional Guideline for Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Foods of Animal Origin"* prior to the meeting for advanced review by the stakeholders;
2. Face-to-face regional consultation on the regional guideline with countries, international experts, and other stakeholders;
3. Deliberation of an agreed next steps and ways forward.

Implementation Methods:

1. FAO RAP will organize the programme, invitations, nominations, and related materials for the physical and virtual technical discussions of the *"Regional Guideline for Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Foods of Animal Origin"*.
2. Nominated national stakeholders and invited regional partners and international experts will provide comments and inputs to the current draft of the guideline.

Duration and location: 27-29 January 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand

Expected number of participants: N = 70

- National focal points on monitoring and surveillance of antimicrobials residues from Asia and the Pacific
- FAO Reference Centres for AMR with relevant work on antimicrobial residues
- FAO Reference Centres for AMR and Aquaculture Biosecurity
- Other leading laboratories on AMR, AMU and antimicrobial residues in Asia and the Pacific
- Additional technical resources, partners, and observers
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Day 1: 27 January 2025

Time (BKK time)	Agenda	Resource person / Facilitators
08:30-09:00	Registration	FAO RAP Secretariat
09:00-09:30	Welcome and Opening remarks	Dr Kachen Wongsathapornchai Regional Manager FAO ECTAD RAP Dr Scott Newman FAO Focal Point for Antimicrobial Resistance in the Asia and Pacific Region
09:30-09:45	Background and overview of the development of Regional Guidelines series and the development of Regional Guideline volume 6	Dr Mary Joy Gordoncillo AMR Regional Project Coordinator FAO ECTAD RAP
09:45-10:00	Poster session	Countries and partners
10:00-10:30	Poster session Coffee break Group photo	Dr Jutanat Srisamran AMR Data Specialist FAO ECTAD RAP
10:30-12:00	Initiatives on monitoring and surveillance of antimicrobial residues	FAO and Partners
12:00-13:00	Lunch break	
13:00-14:00	Chapter 1: Introduction • Brief presentation, discussion, and finalization	Elizabeth Marier
14:00-15:00	Chapter 2: Principles and Objectives of Antimicrobial Residues Surveillance • Brief presentation, discussion, and finalization	Mary Joy Gordoncillo
15:00-15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 -16:30	Chapter 3: Designing a sampling plan for Antimicrobial Residues Surveillance • Brief presentation, discussion, and finalization	Renat Selimov
16:30-17:00	Wrap up	

Day 2: 28 January 2025

Time	Agenda	Resource person
08:30-09:00	Registration	FAO RAP Secretariat
09:00-10:00	Chapter 4: Sample Collection • Brief presentation, discussion, and finalization	Renat Selimov
10:00-10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 -11:30	Chapter 5: Laboratory Analysis • Brief presentation, discussion, and finalization	Renat Selimov
11:30-12:30	Chapter 6: Data Management and Reporting • Brief presentation, discussion, and finalization	Jutanat Srisamran
12:30-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-14:00	Annexes and other resources: Implementing a Surveillance Plan	Renat Selimov
14:00-15:00	Remedial Session	Jutanat Srisamran, Mary Joy Gordoncillo, Renat Selimov and Elizabeth Marier
15:00-15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 -16:30	Remedial Session	Jutanat Srisamran, Mary Joy Gordoncillo, Renat Selimov and Elizabeth Marier
16:30-17:00	Wrap up	Elizabeth Marier

Day 3: 29 January 2025

Time	Agenda	Resource person
08:30-09:00	Registration	FAO RAP Secretariat
09:00-10:00	Brainstorming: Related activities and ways forward relevant to advance the Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Food Animals in the Asia-Pacific region (Part 1)	All
10:00-10:30	Coffee break	
10:30-11:30	Brainstorming: Related activities and ways forward relevant to advance the Monitoring and Surveillance of Antimicrobial Residues in Food Animals in the Asia-Pacific region (Part 2)	All
11:30-12:30	Summary of Recommendations, Ways forward, and closing	FAO RAP
12:30-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-17:00	<i>Post-event discussions and side meetings</i>	

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