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PREFACE

The monographs contained in this volume were prepared at the sixty-second meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), which met at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy, 4–12 February 2003. These monographs summarize the data on the safety of residues in food of selected veterinary drugs reviewed by the Committee.

The sixty-second report of JECFA has been published by the World Health Organization as WHO Technical Report No. 925. Reports and other documents resulting from previous meetings of JECFA are listed in Annex 1. The participants in the meeting are listed in Annex 3 of the present publication; a summary of the conclusions of the Committee is given in Annex 4. Some of the substances listed in Annex 4 were evaluated at the meeting only for specifications.

Specifications that were developed at the sixty-second meeting of JECFA have been issued separately by FAO as Food and Nutrition Paper No. 41, Addendum 16. The toxicological monographs in the present publication should be read in conjunction with the specifications and the report.

JECFA serves as a scientific advisory body to FAO, WHO, their Member States, and the Codex Alimentarius Commission, primarily through the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants and the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods, regarding the safety of food additives, residues of veterinary drugs, naturally occurring toxicants and contaminants in food. Committees accomplish this task by preparing reports of their meetings and publishing specifications or residue monographs and toxicological monographs, such as those contained in this volume, on substances that they have considered.

The toxicological monographs contained in the volume are based on working papers that were prepared by Temporary Advisers. A special acknowledgement is given at the beginning of each monograph to those who prepared these working papers.

Many proprietary unpublished reports are unreferenced. These were voluntarily submitted to the Committee by various producers of the food additives under review, and in many cases represent the only data available on those substances. The Temporary Advisers based the working papers they developed on all the data that were submitted, and all of these reports were available to the Committee when it made its evaluation. The monographs were edited by H. Mattock, St Jean d'Ardières, France.

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