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## PREFACE

The monographs contained in this volume were prepared at the eighty-eighth meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), which met at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome on 22–31 October 2019. These monographs summarize the data on the safety of residues in food of selected veterinary drugs reviewed by the Committee.

The eight-eighth report of JECFA has been published by WHO as WHO Technical Report No. 1023. 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](#).

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The toxicological monographs contained in this volume are based on working papers that were prepared by WHO experts. A special acknowledgement is given at the beginning of each monograph to those who prepared these working papers. The monographs were edited by Dr Hilary Cadman, Bellingen, Australia. Toxicological monographs were not prepared for all of the substances listed in [Annex 4](#).

Many unpublished proprietary reports are submitted to the Committee by various producers of the veterinary drugs under review and in many cases represent the only data available on those substances. The WHO experts based the working papers they wrote on all the data that were submitted, and all these reports were available to the Committee when it made its evaluations.

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