

Annex - Conclusions of the Regional Core Group on items discussed at its second meeting in Riga, and draft common regional positions and speaking notes for the 85th OIE General Session in May 2017

1. Terrestrial Code (February 2017 meeting report of the Code Commission)

Annex	Chapter	Title	Draft common position Region of Europe	Draft Speaking Note	Speaker
07	2.X.	Criteria applied by the OIE for assessing the safety of commodities	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> new chapter that will clarify the procedures to be used by OIE ad hoc groups, the SCAD and the Code Commission to assess the safety of commodities for disease specific chapters, 4th round of member country comments.</p> <p>Europe can support the adoption, as certain previous comments from the EU have been taken into account¹. The new chapter will be important for the Region of Europe as it clarifies procedures for setting up the list of safe commodities for international trade when new Code chapters are drafted or existing chapters are revised in the future.</p> <p><u>Common position:</u> thank the OIE and support adoption.</p>	<p>Thank you Mister Chair. Following coordination with all the European Member Countries of the OIE, I have the honour of speaking on behalf of the 53 European OIE Member Countries.</p> <p>The Region of Europe commends the work of the OIE on the Terrestrial Code, and in general supports the adoption of revised and new texts that are being proposed for adoption at this year's General Session. On some of the chapters proposed for adoption, Europe will be speaking with one voice, on behalf of the 53 European OIE Member Countries; this will be specified each time a European Delegate takes the floor on behalf of our region.</p> <p>Regarding the new chapter on <i>Criteria applied by the OIE for assessing the safety of commodities</i>, Europe thanks the OIE for its work and supports the adoption of that new chapter.</p>	AT

¹ All EU written comments and position papers are publicly available at http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/international_affairs/standard_setting_bodies/oie/eu-comments_en.

10	6.X.	Prevention and control of Salmonella in bovines	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> new chapter on <i>Salmonella</i> control in bovines, 4th round of member country comments.</p> <p>Europe can support the adoption of this chapter as <i>Salmonella</i> control in bovines is an important additional measure to safeguard public health in Europe.</p> <p><u>Common position:</u> thank the OIE and support adoption.</p>	<p>Thank you Mister Chair. I speak on behalf of the 53 European OIE Member Countries.</p> <p>Europe thanks the OIE for its work and supports the adoption of this new chapter on <i>Prevention and control of Salmonella in bovines</i>.</p>	ES
11	6.Y.	Prevention and control of Salmonella in pigs	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> new chapter on <i>Salmonella</i> control in pigs, 4th round of member country comments.</p> <p>Europe can support the adoption of this chapter as <i>Salmonella</i> control in pigs is an important additional measure to safeguard public health in Europe.</p> <p><u>Common position:</u> thank the OIE and support adoption.</p>	<p>Thank you Mister Chair. I speak on behalf of the 53 European OIE Member Countries.</p> <p>Europe thanks the OIE for its work and supports the adoption of this new chapter on <i>Prevention and control of Salmonella in pigs</i>.</p>	UK
13	7.12.	Welfare of working equids	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> chapter was newly adopted in May 2016, some fine tuning further to comments from member countries, 2nd round of member country comments.</p> <p>Europe can support the adoption of this chapter as working equids are an important component of rural life in some areas of our continent, and the topics fits well with the ongoing activities of the OIE Animal Welfare Platform for Europe. Note that the EU will likely present an additional positive speaking note, referring to one EU comment sent to the OIE in writing prior to the General Session.</p> <p><u>Common position:</u> thank the OIE and support adoption.</p>	<p>Thank you Mister Chair. I speak on behalf of the 53 European OIE Member Countries.</p> <p>Europe thanks the OIE for its work and supports the adoption of this revised chapter on the <i>Welfare of working equids</i>.</p>	XX

14	8.X.	Infection with <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> new merged chapter, 4th round of member country comments.</p> <p>Europe can support the adoption of this new chapter as it is essentially a merger of 2 existing chapters that are important to control that zoonotic disease that is still very relevant in many areas of our continent.</p> <p><u>Common position:</u> thank the OIE and support adoption.</p>	<p>Thank you Mister Chair. I speak on behalf of the 53 European OIE Member Countries.</p> <p>Europe thanks the OIE for its work and supports the adoption of this new chapter on <i>Infection with Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex</i>.</p>	DE
15	10.4.	Infection with avian influenza viruses	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> revision of one article pertaining to procedures for inactivation of AI viruses in eggs and egg products, 2nd round of member country comments.</p> <p>Europe can support these modifications, which are based on scientific findings and reiterate the principle of equivalence of treatments, which will facilitate international trade. In addition, the OIE announced a deep review of the AI chapter, which should be supported by the Region as recent AI epidemics in Europe and elsewhere and ensuing trade disruptions have shown the need for such a review. Note that the EU will likely present an additional positive speaking note, emphasising the need for this review of the AI chapter.</p> <p><u>Common position:</u> thank the OIE and support adoption, encourage further work on the chapter.</p>	<p>Thank you Mister Chair. I speak on behalf of the 53 European OIE Member Countries.</p> <p>Europe thanks the OIE for its work and supports the adoption of this modified article of the <i>Infection with avian influenza viruses</i> chapter. The Region of Europe also supports the announced deep revision of this chapter, and looks forward to contributing to this essential work.</p>	LV

16	11.1 1.	Infection with Lumpy Skin Disease virus	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> deep revision of an outdated chapter, 3rd round of member country comments.</p> <p>Europe can support this revised chapter, which is based on latest science and experience from our region and will thus once implemented help Europe and its affected countries overcome trade difficulties related to this disease. Note that the EU might present an additional positive speaking note, supporting the adoption of the chapter as presented.</p> <p><u>Common position:</u> thank the OIE and support adoption.</p>	<p>Thank you Mister Chair. I speak on behalf of the 53 European OIE Member Countries.</p> <p>Europe thanks the OIE for its work and fully supports the adoption of this modified <i>Infection with Lumpy Skin Disease virus</i> chapter, which is of great importance for the Region of Europe.</p>	Serbia tbc
17	15.1.	Infection with African swine fever virus	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> deep revision of an outdated chapter, 5th round of member country comments.</p> <p>Europe can support this revised chapter, which is based on latest science and experience from our region and will thus once implemented help Europe and its affected countries overcome trade difficulties related to this disease. Note that the EU might present an additional positive speaking note, supporting the adoption of the chapter as presented.</p> <p><u>Common position:</u> thank the OIE and support adoption.</p>	<p>Thank you Mister Chair. I speak on behalf of the 53 European OIE Member Countries.</p> <p>Europe thanks the OIE for its work and fully supports the adoption of this modified Infection with African swine fever virus chapter, which is of great importance for the Region of Europe.</p>	Georgi a

18	15.X	Infection with Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome virus	<p><u>Conclusion:</u> new disease specific chapter, 4th round of member country comments.</p> <p>Europe can support this new chapter, which is based on latest science and will facilitate the international trade of pigs and pig products, especially fresh meat which does not constitute a risk for international spread of the agent. It is thus important that the recommendations for fresh meat as now proposed by the OIE be adopted. Note that the EU will likely present an additional positive speaking note emphasising this. Also CH&NO will have a speaking note, commenting on the risk of spread of PRRVS via semen.</p> <p><u>Common position:</u> thank the OIE and support adoption.</p>	<p>Thank you Mister Chair. I speak on behalf of the 53 European OIE Member Countries.</p> <p>Europe thanks the OIE for its work and supports the adoption of this new chapter on <i>Infection with Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome virus</i> as proposed.</p> <p>Some comments will nevertheless be raised by individual European member countries.</p>	Serbia tbc
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