OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission

Issues of interest to the region
Challenges and proposals

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Topics for discussion

Terrestrial Code

- OIE 82\textsuperscript{nd} General Session
- Issues discussed at the Sep 2014 meeting of the TAHSC
- Conclusion: prepare for Comments
Comments of Member Countries during the last GS were addressed by the Code Commission

- Drafting, revision and adoption procedures
  - Timeframe
  - Consistency
  - Role of wildlife
  - Adoption procedures
- Chapters adopted with pending comments
Terrestrial Code Highlights (2014)

- User’s guide and glossary
- Horizontal chapters
- Disease specific chapters
User’s Guide

- Reminder: introductory text, now part of the Terrestrial Code, explaining its various purposes and how it should be utilised;
- Specific points pending: How the absence of OIE recommendations should be interpreted; reference to WTO language; safe commodities
- Work for consistency with the Aquatic
Glossary

- Updating definitions:
  - disease (incl. infestation)
  - stamping-out (incl. modified)
  - risk analysis (group of definitions)

- Deletion: hazard identification

- New definitions:
  - biosecurity
  - safe commodity
Horizontal chapters

- **Criteria for listing diseases**: discussions, no change, *ad hoc* group
- **Import risk analysis**: ALOP, no change
- **Veterinary Services**: links to animal welfare
- **Semen and embryos**: reference to new chapter on brucellosis
- **Certification**: obligations; procedures
- **Salmonellosis in poultry**: feed
- **Salmonellosis in pigs**: new chapter
- **AMR**: discussions, no change
High health status horse subpopulation

Revision of Chapter 4.16:

- Member comments
- HHP definition and HHS definition
- Draft certificate for temporary international movements
- Read the ad hoc Group report
Animal Welfare

- New draft chapter on AW and dairy cattle production systems: Member comments considered; circulated again for comments

- AW and broiler production systems: updating on lighting

- Welfare of working equids: new draft chapter 7.X. for comments

- Disaster management: AHG report
Disease specific chapters

Revision Member comments

- **Taenia solium** (new chapter): new version for comments
- **Brucellosis**: various issues
- **RVF**: former ‘low virus activity’
- **AI**: surveillance
- **PRRS**: wait for expert advice
New drafts and revisions

- **FMD**: major work on member comments: new draft with clean version for comments
- **Glanders**: major work on member comments: new draft
New issues – Future work

- Reptiles: animal health and welfare and VPH; “terrestrial” animals
- Chapter on theileriosis: review, new strains in Oceania, need for update of trade recommendations
- BSE: ‘atypical’ to be considered with SCAD
- ‘Prescribed tests’ vs. ‘fit for purpose’: joint work with BSC
- Programme of work: priorities vs. resources (e.g. reptiles)
The Code Commission endorsed the application from the State Scientific-Research Control Institute of Veterinary Medical Products & Feed Additives, Lviv, Ukraine, for recognition as an OIE collaborating centre for safety of bee products.
83rd General Session (2015)  
Terrestrial Code

Where to find information?

- Amendments under discussion and Texts to be proposed for adoption are in the Report of Sep. 2014 TAHSC meeting
- Delegates will be notified of TAHSC report available, October, 2014; check the AHG reports
- Give access to your Focal Points for expert review; check the SCAD report (+ AHG)
- Do not wait
At the World Assembly?

- No *major* changes will be made during the World Assembly!
- Therefore engage in the commenting process throughout the process.
Thank you for your attention!