CHAPTER 8.16.

INFECTION WITH RINDERPEST VIRUS

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Article 8.16.2.

Definitions and general provisions

For the purpose of the Terrestrial Code:

1) RPV-containing material, as referred to in Article 8.16.9., means field and laboratory strains of RPV; vaccine strains of RPV including valid and expired vaccine stocks; tissues, sera and other clinical pathological material from animals known or suspected to be infected; laboratory-generated diagnostic material containing or encoding live virus, recombinant morbilliviruses (segmented or nonsegmented) containing unique RPV nucleic acid or amino acid sequences, and full length genomic material including virus ribonucleic acid (RNA) and its cDNA copies of virus RNA;

2) Subgenomic fragments of RPV genome (either as plasmid or incorporated into recombinant viruses) morbillivirus nucleic acid that are not capable of being incorporated into a replicating morbillivirus or morbillivirus-like virus are not considered to be RPV-containing material; neither are sera that have been either heat-treated at least 56°C for at least two hours, or shown to be free of RPV genome sequences by a validated RT-PCR assay;

3) A ban on vaccination against rinderpest means a ban on administering any vaccine containing RPV or RPV any components derived from RPV to any animal;

4) The incubation period for rinderpest shall be 21 days;

5) A case is defined as an animal infected with RPV whether or not showing clinical signs; and

6) For the purpose of this chapter, ‘susceptible animals’ means domestic, feral and wild artiodactyls.

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