Annex 20

Chapter 14.7.

**Infection with
peste des petits ruminants virus**

[...]

Article 14.7.3.

**~~PPR free~~ ~~c~~Country or zone free from PPR**

A country or *zone* may be considered free from PPR when the relevant provisions ~~of~~ in point 2 of Article 1.4.6. ~~and Chapter 1.6.~~ have been complied with, and when within the proposed free country or *zone* for at least the past 24 months:

1) there has been no *case* of *infection* with PPRV;

2) the *Veterinary Authority* has current knowledge of, and authority over, all domestic sheep and goats in the country or *zone*;

3) appropriate *surveillance* has been implemented in accordance with:

a) ~~Chapter~~ Article 1.4.6. where historical freedom can be demonstrated; or

b) Articles 14.7.27. to 14.7.33. where historical freedom cannot be demonstrated;

4) measures to prevent the introduction of the *infection* have been in place: in particular, the importations or movements of *commodities* into the country or *zone* have been carried out in accordance with this chapter and other relevant chapters of the *Terrestrial Code*;

5) no *vaccination* against PPR has been carried out;

~~5~~6) no animals vaccinated against PPR have been introduced since the cessation of *vaccination*. ~~[under study]~~

~~1)~~ ~~The PPR status of a country or~~ *~~zone~~* ~~should be determined on the basis of the following criteria, as applicable:~~

~~a)~~ ~~PPR is notifiable in the whole territory, and all clinical signs suggestive of PPR should be subjected to appropriate field or~~ *~~laboratory~~* ~~investigations;~~

~~b)~~ ~~an ongoing awareness programme is in place to encourage reporting of all cases suggestive of PPR;~~

~~c)~~ ~~systematic~~ *~~vaccination~~* ~~against PPR is prohibited;~~

~~d)~~ ~~importation of domestic ruminants and their semen, oocytes or embryos is carried out in accordance with this chapter;~~

~~e)~~ ~~the~~ *~~Veterinary Authority~~* ~~has current knowledge of, and authority over, all domestic sheep and goats in the country or~~ *~~zone~~*~~;~~

~~f)~~ ~~appropriate~~ *~~surveillance~~*~~, capable of detecting the presence of~~ *~~infection~~* ~~even in the absence of clinical signs, is in place; this may be achieved through a~~ *~~surveillance~~* ~~programme in accordance with Articles 14.7.27. to 14.7.33.~~

~~2)~~ ~~To qualify for inclusion in the list of PPR free countries or~~ *~~zones~~*~~, a Member Country should either:~~

~~a)~~ ~~apply for recognition of historical freedom as described in point 1) of Article 1.4.6.; or~~

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~~b)~~ ~~apply for recognition of freedom and submit to the OIE:~~

~~i)~~ ~~a record of regular and prompt animal disease reporting;~~

~~ii)~~ ~~a declaration stating that:~~

~~‒~~ ~~there has been no~~ *~~outbreak~~* ~~of PPR during the past 24 months;~~

~~‒~~ ~~no evidence of PPRV~~ *~~infection~~* ~~has been found during the past 24 months;~~

~~‒~~ ~~no~~ *~~vaccination~~* ~~against PPR has been carried out during the past 24 months;~~

~~‒~~ ~~importation of domestic ruminants and their semen, oocytes or embryos is carried out in accordance with this chapter;~~

~~iii)~~ ~~supply documented evidence that~~ *~~surveillance~~* ~~in accordance with Chapter 1.4. is in operation and that regulatory measures for the prevention and control of PPR have been implemented;~~

~~iv)~~ ~~evidence that no animals vaccinated against PPR have been imported since the cessation of~~ *~~vaccination~~*~~.~~

~~The Member Country will be included in the list only after the application and submitted evidence has been accepted by the OIE. Changes in the epidemiological situation or other significant events should be reported to the OIE in accordance with the requirements in Chapter 1.1.~~

The country or ~~the~~ *zone* will be included in the list of countries or *zones* free from PPR in accordance with Chapter 1.6.

Retention on the list requires ~~annual reconfirmation of point 2) above~~ annual reconfirmation of compliance with all points above and relevant ~~points~~ provisions under point 4 of Article 1.4.6. Documented evidence should be resubmitted annually for ~~that information in point 4~~ *~~d)~~* ~~of Article 1.4.6. and~~ points 1) to ~~3~~4) above. ~~above be re-submitted annually and~~ Any changes in the epidemiological situation or other significant events ~~including those relevant to points 4 a)~~~~to 4 c) of Article 1.4.6. and points 4) and 5) above~~ should be ~~reported~~ notified to the OIE in accordance with Chapter 1.1.

[...]

Article 14.7.7.

**Recovery of free status**

~~When~~ Should an ~~a PPR~~ *outbreak* of PPR ~~or PPRV~~ *~~infection~~*occur~~s~~ in a previously ~~PPR~~ free country or *zone*, its status may be ~~restored~~ recovered ~~and when a~~ *~~stamping-out policy~~* ~~is practised, the recovery period shall be~~ six months after the *~~slaughter~~* ~~of the last~~ *~~case~~* *disinfection* of the last affected *establishment*, provided that: ~~Article 14.7.32. has been complied with~~

1) a *stamping-out* *policy* has been implemented;

2) *surveillance* in accordance with Article 14.7.32. has been carried out with negative results.

~~If a~~ *~~stamping-out policy~~* ~~is not applied~~ Otherwise, Article 14.7.3. applies.

The ~~country or~~ *~~zone~~* ~~will regain~~ PPR free status of the country or *zone* will be reinstated only after the submitted evidence has been accepted by the OIE.

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Article 14.7.24.

**Recommendations for importation from countries or zones ~~considered~~ infected with PPRV**

For wool, hair, raw hides and skins from sheep and goats

*Veterinary Authorities* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that~~:~~ the products were ~~adequately~~ processed in accordance with one of the following, ~~procedures referred to in Article 8.8.34.~~ in premises controlled and approved by the *Veterinary Authority* of the *exporting country*:

1. For wool and hair:

a) industrial washing, which consists of the immersion of the wool in a series of baths of water, soap and sodium hydroxide (soda) or potassium hydroxide (potash);

b) chemical depilation by means of slaked lime or sodium sulphide;

c) fumigation with formaldehyde in a hermetically sealed chamber for at least 24 hours;

d) industrial scouring which consists of the immersion of wool in a water-soluble detergent held at 60-70°C;

e) storage of wool at 4°C for four months, 18°C for four weeks or 37°C for eight days;

f) the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the *commodities* with any potential source of PPRV.

2. For raw hides and skins:

a) treatment for at least 28 days with salt (NaCl) containing 2% sodium carbonate (Na2CO3);

b) the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid contact of the *commodities* with any potential source of PPRV.

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Article 14.7.34.

**OIE endorsed official control programme for PPR**

~~The objective of an OIE endorsed~~ *~~official control programme~~* ~~for PPR is for Member Countries to progressively improve the situation in their territories and eventually attain free status for PPR.~~

A Member Country~~ies~~ may, on a voluntary basis, apply for endorsement of ~~their~~ its *official control programme* for PPR in accordance with Chapter 1.6., when ~~they~~ it has ~~have~~ implemented measures in accordance with this article.

For a Member Country’s *official control programme* for PPR to be endorsed by the OIE, the Member Country should provide a detailed *official control programme* for the control and eventual eradication of PPR in the country or *zone*. This document should address and provide documented~~ary~~ evidence on the following:

1) epidemiology:

a) the detailed epidemiological situation of PPR in the country, highlighting the current knowledge and gaps;

b) the main ~~livestock~~ production systems and movement patterns of sheep and goats and their products within and into the country and, where applicable, the specific *zone*;

2) surveillance and diagnostic capabilities:

a) PPR *surveillance* in place, in accordance with Chapter 1.4. and Articles 14.7.27. to 14.7.33.;

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b) diagnostic capability and procedures, including regular submission of samples to a *laboratory* that ~~carries out~~ performs ~~diagnosis~~ diagnostic testing and further characterisation of strains;

c) serosurveillance conducted in susceptible species, including *wildlife,* to serve as sentinels for PPRV circulation in the country;

3) *vaccination* ~~strategies to reach the objectives~~:

a) ~~where~~ *vaccination* is ~~practised as a part of the~~ *~~official control programme~~* ~~for PPR, it should be in accordance with Chapter 4.18. and, documentedary evidence (such as copies of national legislation, regulations and~~ *~~Veterinary Authority~~* ~~directives) that~~ *~~vaccination~~* ~~of selected populations is~~ compulsory in the target population and is practised in accordance with Chapter 4.18.;~~,~~

b) ~~and~~ detailed information on *vaccination* campaigns,in particular ~~on~~:

i) the strategy that is adopted for the *vaccination* campaign;

ii) target *populations* for *vaccination*;

iii) target geographical area for *vaccination*;

iv) monitoring of [*vaccination*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_vaccination) coverage, including serological monitoring of population immunity;

v) the strategy to identify vaccinated animals;

vi) technical specification of the vaccines used and description of the vaccine licensing procedures in place;

vii) ~~if relevant, proposed timeline for the transition to the~~ use of vaccines fully compliant with the standards and methods described in the [*Terrestrial Manual*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_manuel_terrestre);

viii) the proposed strategy and work plan including the timeline for ~~the~~ transition to the cessation of ~~the use of~~ *vaccination*;

4) *~~b)~~*the measures implemented to prevent the introduction of the pathogenic agent~~,~~ and to ensure the rapid detection of~~, and response to,~~ all PPR [*outbreak*s](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_foyer_de_maladie) ~~in order to reduce~~ *~~outbreaks~~* ~~and to eliminate PPRV circulation in domestic sheep and goats in at least one~~ *~~zone~~*~~in the country.~~;

5) ~~existence of~~ an emergency preparedness plan and an emergency response plan to be implemented in case of PPR *outbreaks*;

~~4~~6) ~~the defined~~ work plan and timelines of the *official control programme*;

~~5~~7) performance indicators for assessing the effectiveness of the control measures to be implemented;

~~6~~8) monitoring, evaluation and review ~~assessment of the evolution and implementation~~ of the *official control programme* to demonstrate the effectiveness of the strategies.

~~7.~~ ~~existence of an emergency preparedness plan and of an emergency response plan to be implemented in case of PPR~~*~~outbreaks~~*~~.~~

~~1)~~ ~~submit documented evidence on the capacity of its~~ *~~Veterinary Services~~* ~~to control PPR; this evidence can be provided by countries following the OIE PVS Pathway;~~

~~2)~~ ~~submit documentation indicating that the~~ *~~official control programme~~* ~~for PPR is applicable to the entire territory (even if it is on a zonal basis);~~

~~3)~~ ~~have a record of regular and prompt animal disease reporting in accordance with the requirements in Chapter 1.1.;~~

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~~4)~~ ~~submit a dossier on the status of PPR in the country describing the following:~~

~~a)~~ ~~the general epidemiology of PPR in the country highlighting the current knowledge and gaps;~~

~~b)~~ ~~the measures implemented to prevent introduction of~~ *~~infection~~*~~, the rapid detection of, and response to, all PPR~~ *~~outbreaks~~* ~~in order to reduce the incidence of~~ *~~outbreaks~~* ~~and to eliminate virus circulation in domestic sheep and goats in at least one~~ *~~zone~~* ~~in the country;~~

~~c)~~ ~~the main livestock production systems and movement patterns of sheep and goats and their products within and into the country and, where applicable, the specific~~ *~~zone(s)~~*~~;~~

~~5)~~ ~~submit a detailed plan of the programme to control and eventually eradicate PPR in the country or~~ *~~zone~~* ~~including:~~

~~a)~~ ~~the timeline for the programme;~~

~~b)~~ ~~the performance indicators that will be used to assess the efficacy of the control measures;~~

~~6)~~ ~~submit evidence that PPR~~ *~~surveillance~~* ~~is in place, taking into account the provisions in Chapter 1.4. and the provisions on~~ *~~surveillance~~* ~~in this chapter;~~

~~7)~~ ~~have diagnostic capability and procedures in place, including regular submission of samples to a~~ *~~laboratory~~*~~;~~

~~8)~~ ~~where~~ *~~vaccination~~* ~~is practised as a part of the~~ *~~official control programme~~* ~~for PPR, provide evidence (such as copies of legislation) that~~ *~~vaccination~~* ~~of sheep and goats in the country or~~ *~~zone~~* ~~is compulsory;~~

~~9)~~ ~~if applicable, provide detailed information on~~ *~~vaccination~~* ~~campaigns, in particular on:~~

~~a)~~ ~~the strategy that is adopted for the~~ *~~vaccination~~* ~~campaign;~~

~~b)~~ ~~monitoring of~~ *~~vaccination~~* ~~coverage, including serological monitoring of population immunity;~~

~~c)~~ ~~serosurveillance in other susceptible species, including~~ *~~wildlife~~* ~~to serve as sentinels for PPRV circulation in the country;~~

~~d)~~ ~~disease~~ *~~surveillance~~* ~~in sheep and goat populations;~~

~~e)~~ ~~the proposed timeline for the transition to the cessation of the use of~~ *~~vaccination~~* ~~in order to enable demonstration of absence of virus circulation;~~

~~10)~~ ~~provide an emergency preparedness and contingency response plan to be implemented in case of PPR~~ *~~outbreak(s)~~*~~.~~

~~The Member Country’s~~ *~~official control programme~~* ~~for PPR will be included in the list of programmes endorsed by the OIE only after the submitted evidence has been accepted by the OIE.~~

The country will be included in the list of countries having an OIE endorsed *official control programme* for PPR in accordance with Chapter 1.6.

Retention on the list ~~of endorsed~~ *~~official control programmes~~* ~~for PPR~~ requires an annual update on the progress of the *official control programme* and information on significant changes concerning the points above.

~~Changes in the epidemiological situation and other significant events should be reported to the OIE in accordance with the requirements in Chapter 1.1.~~

~~The OIE may withdraw the endorsement of the~~ *~~official control programme~~* ~~if there is evidence of:~~

~~‒~~ ~~non-compliance with the timelines or performance indicators of the programme; or~~

~~‒~~ ~~significant problems with the performance of the~~ *~~Veterinary Services~~*~~; or~~

~~‒~~ ~~an increase in the incidence of PPR that cannot be addressed by the programme.~~

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