# Annex 3

**work programme for**

**the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission**

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| **Horizontal chapters** | | |
| **General aspects** | 1) Work with AAHSC towards harmonisation, as appropriate, of the horizontal parts of the *Codes,* notably Glossary, User’s Guide, Section 4 on Disease prevention and control and Section 5 on Trade measures, import/export procedures and veterinary certification | Ongoing |
| 2) Work with BSC and SCAD for accurate disease description and diagnostic in the *Manual* and case definitions in the *Code* and names of diseases and country and zone disease status | Ongoing  ‒ Approach to the issue of ‘case definitions’ and listing diseases was agreed |
| 3) Revision and formatting of chapters (articles numbering, tables and figures) | Ongoing  ‒ Plan to develop standard framework for a *Terrestrial Code* chapter |
| 4) Revision of the Users’ Guide | Ongoing  ‒ Last amendments were proposed for adoption in May 2021 |
| 5) Use of terms:  ‒ biosecurity / sanitary measures  ‒ disease / infection / infestation  ‒ animal health status  ‒ animal-based measures / measurables  ‒ enzootic / endemic / epizootic / epidemic  ‒ notify / ‘notifiable disease’, ‘report’ / ‘reportable disease’ | Ongoing |
| **Glossary** | 1) ‘Epidemiological unit’ | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Sep 2018/4th) |
| 2) ‘Poultry’ | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 |
| 3) ‘Captive wild [animal]’, ‘feral [animal]’ and ‘wild [animal]’ | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Sep 2018/3rd) |
| 4) ‘Competent Authority’, ‘Veterinary Authority’, ‘Veterinary Services’ | Sent for comments (Sep 2018/2nd) |
| 5) ‒ ‘Death’, ‘euthanasia’, ‘slaughter’ and ‘stunning’  ‒ New definitions for ‘distress’, ‘pain’ and ‘suffering’ | AHG to address Member comments (Sep 2019/2nd) |
| 6) ‘Case’ | Preliminary discussion |
| 7) New definitions for ‘animal product’, ‘product of animal origin’ and ‘animal by-product’ | Preliminary discussion |
| 8) New definition for ‘swill’ | Preliminary discussion |

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| **Horizontal issues not yet in the *Code*** | | |
| **Section 3. Veterinary Services** | 1) New introductory CH in Section 3 | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Sep 2019/3rd) |
| **Section 4. Disease control** | 1) New CH on official control programmes for listed and emerging diseases | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Feb 2017/ 7th) |
| 2) New CH on biosecurity | Preliminary discussion:  ‒ Work in progress regarding guideline on ASF compartmentalisation;  ‒ swill feeding to be considered |
| 3) New CH on application of zoning | Preliminary discussion |
| **Section 7 Animal welfare** | 1) New CH on animal welfare and laying hen production systems | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Sep 2017/5th) |
| **Horizontal chapters in need of revision** | | |
| **Section 1. Animal disease diagnosis, surveillance and notification** | 1) CH 1.6 on procedures for publication of a self- declaration of disease freedom, recognition of an official animal health status and endorsement of an official control programme by the OIE | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Feb 2018/5th) |
| 2) CH 1.1 on notification of diseases, infections and infestations, and provision of epidemiological information | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Sep 2018/4th) |
| 3) CH 1.3 on listed diseases:   * Avian influenza | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 |
| 4) CH 1.3 on listed diseases:   * MERS-CoV * Trypanosomes | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Sep 2019/3rd) |
| 5) CH 1.3 on listed diseases:   * *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex) * Theileriosis (*T. lestoquardi*, *T. luwenshuni*, *T. uilenbergi* and *T. orientalis*) * West Nile fever * *M. paratuberculosis* | Ongoing |
| **Section 3. Veterinary Services** | 1) CH 3.4 on veterinary legislation | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Sep 2018/4th) |
| 2) CHs 3.1 and 3.2 on Veterinary Services | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Sep 2019/3rd) |

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| **Section 4. Disease control** | 1) CH 4.4 on zoning and compartmentalisation | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Feb 2020/2nd) |
| 2) CH 4.6 on general hygiene in semen collection and processing centres | Ongoing  ‒ AHG convened to progress with the work |
| 3) CH 4.7 on collection and processing of semen:  ‒ including resolving the lack of clarity of the text on brucellosis (Article 4.7.4) | Ongoing  ‒ AHG convened to progress with the work |
| 4) CH 4.9 on collection and processing of oocytes and *in vitro* produced embryos from livestock and horses:  ‒ including inclusion of BVD in CH 4.9  ‒ amendment of Article 4.9.5 | Ongoing |
| 5) CH 4.8 on collection and processing of *in vivo* ‒derived embryos:  ‒ categorisation of bluetongue (Article 4.8.14) | Ongoing |
| 6) CH 4.14 on disinfection:  ‒ consideration as to whether Glossary definition for ‘disinfection’ should be revised | Preliminary discussion |
| **Section 5.  Trade measures** | 1) CHs 5.4 to 5.7 on measures applicable at departure and on arrival | Preliminary discussion |
| 2) CH 5.11 on model certificates for dogs | Preliminary discussion (in relation to the revision of chapter on rabies) |
| 3) CH 5.12 on model certificates for competition horses | Preliminary discussion and pending revision of CHs on horse diseases |
| **Section 6. Veterinary public health** | 1) CH 6.10 on responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in veterinary medicine | Ongoing |
| 2) CH 6.12 on zoonoses transmissible from non-human primates | Sent for comments  (Feb 2021/1st) |
| 3) CH 6.2 on the role of Veterinary Services in food safety systems | Pending discussion on definitions of VS, VA and CA |
| 4) CH 6.3 on meat inspection | Pending revision of definitions of VS, VA and CA |
| **Section 7. Animal welfare** | 1) CH 7.7 on stray dog population control | Sent for comments (Sep 2020/1st) |
| 2) CH 7.5 on slaughter and CH 7.6 on killing of animals | Ongoing |
| 3) Chapters on animal transport | Preliminary discussion |
| **Diseases not yet in the *Code*** | | |
| **Disease-specific chapters** | 1) New CH on animal trypanosomoses of African origin | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Sep 2019/3rd) |
| 2) New CH on surra | AHG to be convened |
| 3) New CH on MERS-CoV | Ongoing work on case definition |

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| **Disease-specific chapters (contd)** | 4) New CH on leishmaniosis (listed disease without chapter) | Ongoing work on case definition |
| 5) New CH on Crimean Congo hemorrhagic fever (MCs comments, listed disease without chapter) | Ongoing work on case definition |
| **Listed disease chapters/articles in need of revision** | | |
| **Sections 8 to 15** | 1) CH 10.4 on avian influenza | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Sep 2018/4th) |
| 2) CH 14.7 on peste des petits ruminants (Harmonisation of articles regarding official status recognition by the OIE) | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Feb 2019/3rd) |
| 3) CH 15.2 on classical swine fever | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Feb 2017/4th) |
| 4) CH 10.5 on avian mycoplasmosis | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Feb 2020/2nd) |
| 5) CH 9.4 on *Aethina tumida* (Small hive beetle) | Proposed for adoption in May 2021 (Feb 2020/2nd) |
| 6) CH 12.6 on equine influenza | Sent for comments (Sep 2019/3rd) |
| 7) CH 11.4 on bovine spongiform encephalopathy and CH 1.8 Questionnaire | Sent for comments (Feb 2015/3rd) |
| 8) CH 8.15 on Rift Valley fever virus | Sent for comments  (Feb 2019/3rd) |
| 9) CH 8.8 on foot and mouth disease | Sent for comments (Sep 2015/2nd) |
| 10) CH 8.16 on rinderpest | Sent for comments (Sep 2020/2nd) |
| 11) CH 11.10 on Theileriosis and new CH 14.X on infection with *Theileria* in small ruminants | CH 11.10 – sent for comments (Sep 2017/2nd)  CH 14.X – pending development of guidance in the Manual (Sep 2017/1st) |
| 12) CH 12.2 on contagious equine metritis | Sent for comments (Sep 2020/1st) |
| 13) CH 12.7 on equine piroplasmosis | Sent for comments (Sep 2020/1st) |
| 14) CH 11.11 on trichomonosis | Sent for comments  (Sep 2020/1st) |
| 15) CH 8.14 on rabies | Sent for comments (Sep 2020/1st) |
| 16) CH 12.3 on dourine | AHG to be convened |
| 17) CH 14.8 on scrapie | Pending expert advice |

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| **Sections 8 to 15 (contd)** | 18) CH 8.11 on *Mycobacterium* *tuberculosis* complex | Ongoing |
| 19) CH 15.4 on porcine cysticercosis (request from WHO) | Ongoing |
| 20) CH 8.5 on infection with *Echinococcus* *granulosus* (request from WHO) | Ongoing |
| 21) Pet food (for certification or safe commodities) | Ongoing |
| 22) Revision of safe commodities list to add lactose | On hold |
| 23) Revision of Article 15.3.9 on import of semen from countries not free from PRRS | Pending expert advice |
| 24) CH 11.5 Infection with contagious bovine pleuropneumonia | Preliminary discussion |
| 25) CHs on equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern, Western, Venezuelan) – inclusion of case definitions | Preliminary discussion |
| 26) CH 8.13 Paratuberculosis | Preliminary discussion |
| 27) CH 10.3 Avian infectious laryngotracheitis | Preliminary discussion |
| 28) CH 10.9 Infection with Newcastle disease virus | Preliminary discussion |

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| List of abbreviations | |
| AAHSC | Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission |
| AHG | *Ad hoc* Group |
| BSC | Biological Standards Commission |
| CA | Competent Authority |
| CH | Chapter |
| MERS-CoV | Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus |
| SCAD | Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases |
| VA | Veterinary Authority |
| VS | Veterinary Services |
| WHO | World Health Organization |