Annex 3

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**WORK PROGRAMME FOR**

**THE TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION**

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| **Chapter** | **Issues** | **Summary of the work** | **Status - February 2023** | | **Priority order \*** |
| **Stage of  consideration** | **Remarks (Month when draft text first circulated for comment /# of rounds for comment)** |
| **General** | Wildlife Health | Overarching consideration on how wildlife animal health is addressed in the *Terrestrial Code* | Preliminary discussions | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 3 |
| Five domains concept | Impact assessment for the inclusion of the concept in the *Terrestrial Code* (revision of Ch 7.1. as well) | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 2 |
| Pet-food commodities | Consider the inclusion of ‘extruded dry pet food’ and ‘heat-treated meat products in a hermetically sealed container with an F0 value of 3 or above’ in the list of safe commodities of chapters (when revised). | Preparatory work | Refer to Sep 2022 TASHC report | 2 |
| In Chapter 15.1. Infection with African swine fever virus | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2023 TASHC report | 2 |
| **Use of terms** | Use of terms: disease / infection / infestation | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2020 TAHSC report | 2 |
| Use of terms: animal health status | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2020 TAHSC report | 3 |
| Use of terms: animal-based measures / measurables | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency  Develop a policy for their use | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 2 |
| Use of terms: enzootic / endemic / epizootic / epidemic | To consider replacing ‘enzootic’ with ‘endemic’ and ‘epizootic’ with ‘epidemic’ throughout the Code | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 1 |
| Use of terms: notify / notifiable disease / report / reportable disease | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency. Develop a policy for their use | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2019 TAHSC report | 2 |
| Use of terms: Competent Authority / Veterinary Authority / Veterinary Services | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2023/1) | 1 |
| Use of terms: fetal / foetal / fetus / foetus | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 1 |
| Use of terms: bovid / bovidae / bovine / cattle | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency  Develop a policy for their use | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 1 |
| **User's guide** | Revision of the Users' guide (standing item) | Amendments related to use of terms: Competent Authority / Veterinary Authority / Veterinary Services and bovid / bovidae / bovine / cattle | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 1 |
| **Glossary** | ‘Death’, ‘euthanasia’, ‘slaughter’ and ‘stunning’ | In-depth revision in relation to work on Ch 7.5-7.6 | Expert consultation | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2019/3) | 1 |
| New definition for ‘protein meal’ | Develop the new definition as a result of discussion on revision of Ch 11.4. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2021/5) | 1 |
| New definitions for ‘distress’ and ‘pain’ | Develop the new definitions as a result of discussion on revision of Ch 7.5. (to remove them from Ch 7.8.) | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Refer to Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2019/2) | 1 |
| New definitions for ‘animal products’, ‘product of animal origin’ and ‘animal by-product’ | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency. Develop a policy for their use and draft definitions. | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2023/1) | 2 |
| New definition for ‘swill’ | Review use of the term across the Code. Develop a policy for its use and consider developing a definition. (connected to biosecurity work) | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 2 |
|  | Definition of *‘*poultry’ | Designate an ad hoc Group of experts to further review the definition and consider the use of epidemiological investigations to determine if a household population of birds meets the definition of poultry | Expert consultation | Noted in 90th  General Session Draft Report as a Priority 1 | 1 |
| **RATIONALE:** During the 90th General Session, the President of the TAHSC agreed to place the definition of *poultry* back on the work programme. | | | | | |
|  | Use of terms ‘meat-and-bone meal’ and ‘greaves’ | Review use of the term ‘meat-and-bone meal’ across the Code and consider replacing the term with 'protein meal’ after adoption of new definition | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 1 |
|  | Review use of the term ‘greaves’ across the Code and consider replacing the term with 'protein meal’ after adoption of new definition | Preparatory work | Refer to Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **Section 1** | | | | | |
| **1.3.** | Listing of Infection with *T. lestoquardi*, *T. luwenshuni* and *T. uilenbergi* (Article 1.3.3.) | Consider listing based on the conclusion that the disease meets the criteria for listing | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2022/3) | 1 |
| Revision of disease names: Infection of dromedary camels with Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus, Leishmaniosis | Partial revision to align disease names with the title of corresponding disease-specific chapters | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2023/1) | 1 |
| Revision of animal categories | Partial revision of the animal categories referred to in each article | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TASHC report (Feb 2023/1) | 1 |
| **1.6.** | Procedures for official recognition of animal health status, endorsement of an official control programme, and publication of a self-declaration of animal health status, by WOAH | Partial revision to improve clarity on the ability for Members to hold pathogenic agents within laboratories without affecting their animal health status | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2023/1) | 2 |
| **1.8.** | Application for official recognition by WOAH of free status for bovine spongiform encephalopathy | Full revision of chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2019/7) | 1 |
| **Section 4** | | | | | |
| **4.4.** | Zoning and compartmentalisation | Partial revision to define a time limit for containment zones | Preparatory work | Refer to Sep 2021 TAHSC report | 1 |
| **4.6.** | Collection and processing of semen of animals | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 1 |
| **4.7.** | Collection and processing of bovine, small ruminant and porcine semen | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Preparatory work | Pending progress of the work on Ch 4.6. | 3 |
| **4.8.** | Collection and processing of *in vivo* derived embryos from livestock and equids | Consider potential amendments as a consequence of the changes in the IETS Manual | Preparatory work | Pending progress of data collection | 2 |
| **4.9.** | Collection and processing of oocytes and *in* *vitro* produced embryos from livestock and horses | Consider potential amendments as a consequence of the changes in the IETS Manual | Preparatory work | Pending progress of data collection | 2 |
| **4.13.** | Disposal of dead animals | Consider including all potentially contaminated wastes/products/fomites | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **4.14.** | General recommendations on disinfection and disinsection | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **4.X.** | New chapter on biosecurity | Develop a new chapter | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 1 |
| **Section 5** | | | | | |
| **General** | Revision of Section 5 Trade measures, import/export procedures and veterinary certification (especially Chs 5.4. to 5.7.) | Comprehensive revision of Chs 5.4. to 5.7. | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 1 |
| **5.2.** | Certification procedures | Partial revision to review provisions on electronic certification | Expert consultation | Refer to Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **5.11.** | Model veterinary certificate for international movement of dogs, cats and ferrets originating from countries considered infected with rabies | Consequential revision due to revision of Ch 8.14. | Preparatory work | Pending progress of the work on Ch 8.14. | 3 |
| **5.12.** | Model passport for international movement of competition horses | Update the relevant chapters on equine diseases to take into account proposals made by the AHG on HHP Horses Veterinary Certificates | Preparatory work | Pending progress of the works on Chs on horse diseases | 3 |
| **Section 6** | | | | | |
| **6.2.** | The role of the Veterinary Services in food safety systems | Review the chapter based on the revised Glossary definitions for ‘CA’, ‘VA’ and ‘VS’ | Preparatory work | Refer to Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **6.3.** | Control of biological hazards of animal health and public health importance through ante- and post-mortem meat inspection | Revision to avoid duplication with Ch 6.2., to simplify and to refer to relevant Codex GLs more | Not started | - | 3 |
| **6.10.** | Responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in veterinary medicine | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/1) | 1 |
| **6.12.** | Zoonoses transmissible from non-human primates | Consider possible inclusion of SARS-CoV-2 in this chapter, possible inclusion of Macacine Herpesvirus 1 and the revision of test schedule and animal species to be tested for tuberculosis  (Origin Member requests) | Not started | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **Section 7** | | | | | |
| **7.2., 7.3.** | Transport of animals by land and sea | Comprehensive revision of chapters | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **7.4.** | Transport of animals by air | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Preparatory work | Refer to Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **7.5.** | Slaughter of animals | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Expert consultation | Refer to Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Feb 2021/2) | 1 |
| **7.6.** | Killing of animals for disease control purposes | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Expert consultation | Refer to Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **Section 8** | | | | | |
| **8.8.** | Infection with foot and mouth disease virus | Comprehensive revision of chapter (including harmonisation of chapters with official status recognition) | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2015/5) | 1 |
| **8.10.** | Japanese encephalitis | Comprehensive revision of chapter  (related to works on Chs 12.4. and 12.11.) | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | ~~2~~ 1 |
| **RATIONALE:** Recommend Japanese encephalitis be changed to a Priority 1 for review considering recent disease events in Australia: https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/japanese-encephalitis-virus-jev/japanese-encephalitis-virus-jev | | | | | |
| **8.11.** | Infection with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex | Partial revision   * to add recommendations for camelids and goats * to clarify point 1(b) of Article 8.11.4. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **8.13.** | Paratuberculosis | Consider amendments to ensure alignment with recently revised Manual chapter | Not started | Refer to Sep 2020 TAHSC report | 4 |
| **8.14.** | Infection with rabies virus | Partial revision   * to amend the provisions for the importation of vaccinated dogs from infected countries or zones * to add provisions for the implementation of a rabies vaccination programme for dogs | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2020/4) | 1 |
| Partial revision   * to add recommendations on wildlife-mediated rabies | Preparatory work | Refer to Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **8.15.** | Infection with Rift Valley fever virus | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2019/6) | 1 |
| **8.X.** | New Chapter on Infection with *Coxiella burnetiid* (Q fever) | Develop a new chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 2 |
| **8.Y.** | New Chapter on infection with *Leishmania* spp. (Leishmaniosis) | Develop a new chapter following Manual chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2022/3) | 1 |
| **8.Z.** | New Chapter on Surra | Develop a new chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2023/1) | 2 |
| **Section 10** | | | | | |
| **10.3.** | Avian infectious laryngotracheitis | Consider amendments to ensure alignment with recently revised Manual chapter | Not started | Refer to Sep 2020 TAHSC report | 4 |
| **10.5.** | Infection with *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (Avian mycoplasmosis) | Full update of the chapter (content and structure) based on the recent update of the *Manual* Chapter. Consider inclusion of *M. synoviae* into a single chapter (and listed disease). | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **10.9.** | Infection with Newcastle disease virus | Remove the definition of poultry | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2022/3) | 1 |
| Revision to align with recent revision of Ch 10.4. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **Section 11** | | | | | |
| **11.4.** | Bovine spongiform encephalopathy | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2019/7) | 1 |
| **11.5.** | Infection with *Mycoplasma mycoides* subsp. *mycoides* SC (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia) | Harmonisation of chapters with official status recognition | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 2 |
| **11.11.** | Trichomonosis | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Expert consultation | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2020/2) | 3 |
| **11.X.** | New Chapter on Infection with bovine pestivirus (bovine viral diarrhoea) | Develop a new chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 2 |
| **Section 12** | | | | | |
| **12.1.** | African horse sickness | Harmonisation of chapters with official status recognition  Proposals from AHG on AHS and SCAD | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 1~~2~~ |
| **RATIONALE:** Recommend African horse sickness become a Priority 1 for review considering the recent disease events in Thailand and Malaysia: https://www.reuters.com/article/us-thailand-horses/thailand-hit-by-african-horse-sickness-killing-over-100-horses-idUSKBN21K1BM; https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/914815/poa-ahs-malaysia-2020.pdf | | | | | |
| **12.2.** | Contagious equine metritis | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2020/4) | 1 |
| **12.3.** | Dourine | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **12.4.** | Equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) | Comprehensive revision of chapter  (related to works on Chs 8.10. and 12.11.) | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **12.6.** | Infection with equine influenza virus | Partial revision   * to add a case definition * to revise Article 12.6.6. based on the outcomes of work to evaluate equine influenza vaccination protocols prior to shipment of horses coordinated by a WOAH Reference Laboratory * to consider the consequential amendments to the chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2019/6) | 1 |
| **12.7.** | Equine piroplasmosis | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2020/4) | 1 |
| **12.11.** | Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis | Comprehensive revision of chapter  (related to works on Chs 8.10. and 12.4.) | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **Section 13** | | | | | |
| **13.2.** | Rabbit haemorrhagic disease | Partial revision   * to add a case definition * to add a new article on recovery of free status * to revise other articles, as appropriate | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2023/1) | 2~~3~~ |
| **RATIONALE:** Recommend RHDV become a Priority 2 for review, considering recent disease events in the United States and Canada: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal\_health/fs-rhdv2.pdf; https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/c990a9c2-cc7a-4471-aa4b-ce73dd1f8f7f/resource/3af774d2-ae6c-4256-8953-b0717dac20c0/download/aep-rabbit-haemorrhagic-disease-2022-fall.pdf | | | | | |
| **Section 14** | | | | | |
| **14.8.** | Scrapie | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **14.9.** | Sheep pox and goat pox | (Not defined yet) | Not started | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **14.X.** | New Chapter on infection with *Theileria* in small ruminants | Develop a new chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2017/4) | 1 |
| **Section 15** | | | | | |
| **15.3.** | Infection with porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus (Article 15.3.9.) | Partial revision to address a concern that the testing regime in relation to semen collection centres is not sufficient to prevent the introduction of the virus through semen from countries that are not free from PRRS | Not started | Refer to Feb 2018 TAHSC report | 4 |
| **Others** | | | | | |
| **X.X.** | New Chapter on Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever | Develop a new chapter | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report  Pending ongoing work on case definition | 2 |
| **16.1.** | New Chapter on infection with Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus | Develop a new chapter following listing and Manual chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Feb 2022/3) | 1 |
| **16.Z.** | New Chapter on Camelpox | Develop a new chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2023 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/2) | 2 |

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| **\* Description of priority order** | |
| **1** | * ***active work for the TAHSC*** * ***to be put forward for next meeting agenda*** |
| **2** | * ***active work for the TAHSC*** * ***to be included in next meeting agenda if time allows, depending on other progress*** |
| **3** | * ***not immediate work for the TAHSC*** * ***needs to progress before consideration for next meeting agenda*** |
| **4** | * ***not active*** * ***not to be immediately started*** |

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| **List of abbreviations** | |
| **AHG** | ***Ad hoc* Group** |
| **BSC** | **Biological Standards Commission** |
| **Ch** | **Chapter** |
| **HQ** | **WOAH Headquarters** |
| **IETS** | **International Embryo Technology Society** |
| **SCAD** | **Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases** |
| **TAHSC** | **Terrestrial Animal Health Standard Commission** |