

TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION
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GLOSSARY

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Antimicrobial agent

means a naturally occurring, semi-synthetic or synthetic substance that at in vivo concentrations exhibits antimicrobial activity (kill or inhibit the growth of micro-organisms). Anthelmintics and substances classed as disinfectants or antiseptics are excluded from this definition.

Central Bureau/Headquarters

means the Permanent Secretariat of the World Organisation for Animal Health ~~which headquarters are located at:~~

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Competent Authority

means the *Veterinary Authority* or other Governmental Authority of an OIE Member having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and *welfare* measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations in the *Terrestrial and Aquatic Codes* in the whole territory.

Early detection system

means a system for the timely detection and identification of an incursion or emergence of *diseases/infections* in a country, *zone* or *compartment*. An early detection system should be under the control of the *Veterinary Services* and should include the following characteristics:

- a. representative coverage of target animal *populations* by field services;
- b. ability to undertake effective *disease* investigation and reporting;
- c. access to laboratories capable of diagnosing and differentiating relevant *diseases*;
- d. a training programme for *veterinarians*, *veterinary para-professionals*, livestock owners/keepers and others involved in handling *animals* for detecting and reporting unusual animal health incidents;
- e. the legal obligation of private *veterinarians* to report to the *Veterinary Authority*;
- f. a national chain command.

Infected zone

means a *zone* in which ~~the absence of the *disease* under consideration has not been demonstrated by the requirements specified in the *Terrestrial Code* being met~~ a *disease* has been diagnosed.

Quarantine station

means ~~a premises~~ an establishment under the control of the *Veterinary Authority* where *animals* are maintained in isolation with no direct or indirect contact with other *animals*, to ~~prevent~~ ensure that there is no ~~the~~ transmission of specified pathogen(s) outside the establishment while the *animals* are undergoing observation for a specified length of time and, if appropriate, testing and treatment. The presence of *disease* or *infection* in imported *animals* in the quarantine station does not affect the *animal health status* of the country or *zone*.

Uncertainty

means the lack of precise knowledge of the input values which is due to measurement error or to lack of knowledge of the steps required, and the pathways from *hazard* to *risk*, when building the scenario being assessed.

Variability

means a real-world complexity in which the value of an input is not the same for each case due to natural diversity in a given population.

Veterinary Services

means the governmental and non-governmental organisations that implement animal health and *welfare* measures and other standards and recommendations in the *Terrestrial* and *Aquatic Codes* in the territory. The *Veterinary Services* are under the overall control and direction of the *Veterinary Authority*. Private sector organisations, *veterinarians* ~~or~~ *veterinary paraprofessionals* or *aquatic animal health professionals* are normally accredited or approved ~~to deliver functions~~ by the *Veterinary Authority* to deliver the delegated functions.