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CHAPTER 11.7.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

Article 11.7.1.

General provisions

The recommendations in this chapter are intended to manage the human and animal health risks associated with *Mycobacterium bovis* (*M. bovis*) infection in domestic (permanently captive and owned free-range) bovines including cattle (*Bos taurus*, *B. indicus* and *B. grunniens*), water buffaloes (*Bubalus bubalis*) and wood bisons (*Bison bison* and *B. bonasus*).

Standards for diagnostic tests are described in the *Terrestrial Manual*.

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Article 11.7.4.

Herd free from bovine tuberculosis

To qualify as free from bovine tuberculosis, a *herd* of cattle, water buffalo, or wood bisons should satisfy the following requirements:

1. the *herd* is in a country, *zone* or *compartment* free from bovine tuberculosis and is certified free by the *Veterinary Authority*; or
2. ...
3. cattle, water buffalo and wood bison introduced into the *herd* come from a *herd* free from bovine tuberculosis. This condition may be waived for animals which have been isolated for at least 90 days and which, prior to entry into the *herd*, were subjected to at least two tuberculin tests carried out at a 6-month interval with negative results [with the second tuberculin test performed during the 30 days prior to entry into the herd.](#)

Rationale for proposed text: Text added to maintain consistency with other entry requirements, as in Articles 11.7.3.2 and 11.7.5.3.

Article 11.7.5.

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