

USA Comments

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission September 2009 Report

CHAPTER 3.2.

EVALUATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES

Article 3.2.1.

General considerations

1. ...

Article 3.2.2.

Scope

1. In the evaluation of *Veterinary Services*, the following items may be considered, depending on the purpose of the evaluation:
 - o organisation, structure and authority of the *Veterinary Services*;
 - o human resources;
 - o material (including financial) resources;
 - o veterinary legislation and regulations functional capabilities and legislative support;
 - o animal health and veterinary public health controls;
 - o formal quality systems including quality policy;
 - o performance assessment and audit programmes;
 - o participation in OIE activities and compliance with OIE Members' obligations.
2. To complement the evaluation of *Veterinary Services*, the legislative and regulatory framework, organisational structure and functioning of the *veterinary statutory body* should also be considered.

Rationale: We recognize that some countries mandate industry action through governmental legislation and others do this through legislation and regulation. Therefore, we suggest that throughout the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Code all mention of "legislative" or "legislation" be replaced with "legislation and regulations," or "legislative and regulatory" as appropriate.

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Article 3.2.14.

This article outlines appropriate information requirements for the self-evaluation or evaluation of the *Veterinary Services* of a country.

1. Organisation and structure of Veterinary Services

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6. Veterinary legislation, regulations and functional capabilities and legislative support

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a. Animal health and veterinary public health

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