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## GLOSSARY

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*:

### **Central Bureau/Headquarters**

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

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### **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.

### **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 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.

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