

## USA Comments

### GLOSSARY

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*:

#### **Emerging disease**

~~means a new occurrence, which has a significant impact on animal or public health, of a disease, infection or infestation resulting from: the evolution or~~

~~means a new occurrence of a disease, infection or infestation, causing a significant impact on animal or public health resulting from:~~

~~a change of an known existing pathogenic agent, a known infection or infestation or its spreading to a new geographic area or species population; or~~

~~= a previously unrecognised pathogenic agent or disease diagnosed for the first time and which has a significant impact on animal or public health.~~

**Rationale:** the new definition as recommended by the OIE reads awkwardly and is somewhat difficult to understand. The proposed suggested definition is less cumbersome and provides improved clarity.

#### **Stamping-out policy**

means carrying out under the authority of the *Veterinary Authority*, on confirmation of a *disease*, the *killing* of the *animals* which are affected and those suspected of being affected in the *herd* and, where appropriate, those in other *herds* which have been exposed to *infection* by direct animal to animal contact, or by indirect contact ~~of a kind likely to cause the transmission of~~ with the causal pathogen. All susceptible *animals*, vaccinated or unvaccinated, on an infected premises should be killed and their carcasses destroyed by burning or burial, or by any other method which will eliminate the spread of *infection* through the carcasses or products of the *animals* killed.

This policy should be accompanied by the cleansing and *disinfection* procedures defined in the *Terrestrial Code*.

The terms *modified stamping-out policy* should be used in communications to the OIE whenever the above animal health measures are not implemented in full and details of the modifications should be given.

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