Annex 4

**WORK PROGRAMME FOR**

**THE TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION**

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| **Chapter** | **Issues** | **Summary of the work** | **Status - September 2024** | | **Priority order \*** |
| **Stage of  consideration** | **Remarks (Month when draft text first circulated for comment /# of rounds for comment) or last TAHSC report reference** |
| **General** | Wildlife Health | Overarching consideration on how wildlife animal health is addressed in the *Terrestrial Code* | Preliminary discussions | Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report | 2 |
| New chapter on emergency management | Develop a new chapter and potentially modify the existing chapters | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 2 |
| Commodities | Consideration to determine whether several types of highly processed products (such as blood meal, dried plasma, rendered fats, and hydrolysed protein) have a globally standardised production process and meet criteria to be considered safe commodities as regards specific diseases.  Pet-food: Consider the inclusion of ‘extruded dry pet food’ and ‘heat-treated meat products in a hermetically sealed container with an F0 value of 3 or above’ in the list of safe commodities of chapters (when revised). | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report  Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (pet-food commodities) | 2 |
| **Use of terms** | Use of terms: animal health status | * Consider the need to revise definition to incorporate ‘herd’, and avoid restrictive wording * Possible revision of the Glossary definition * Review use of the terms across the *Code* for consistency | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2020 TAHSC report | 1 |
| Use of terms: notify / notifiable disease / report / reportable disease | Review use of the terms across the *Code* for consistency. Develop a policy for their use | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2019 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **User's guide** | Revision of the Users' guide (standing item) | Partial revision   * to provide more explanation on disease-specific chapters * to develop a new point on terms referring to animals used in the *Terrestrial Code* * work on introduction | Circulated for comments and propose for adoption | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/4) | 1 |
| **Glossary** | 1. New definition for ‘swill’, definitions for ‘biosecurity’ and ‘biosecurity plan’  2. New definitions for ‘isolation’ and ‘pathogenic agent’, and definition for ‘disinfection’ | Swill: Review use of the term across the *Code*. Develop a policy for its use and consider developing a definition. (connected to biosecurity work) | Circulated for comments | 1. Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/3)  2. Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/2) | 1 |
| Definition for ‘disinsection’ | Develop a new definition | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | 1 |
| 1. New definition for ‘point of exit’ and definitions for ‘border post’ and ‘quarantine station'  2. New definition for ‘point of entry’ and definitions for ‘transit country’, ‘container’ and ‘vehicle/vessel’ | Review as a part of the work to revise Chs 5.4. to 5.7. | Circulated for comments | 1. Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/3)  2. Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/2) | 1 |
| New definition for ‘veterinary medical use’ | Move the definition from Ch 6.9. | Pending the work of AMRWG | Noted in Sep 2023 TAHSC report | 3 |
| Definition of *‘*poultry’ | (Not defined yet, related to revision of chapters in Section 10) | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 1 |
| Definition for ‘laboratory’ | Revision of definition (in collaboration with BSC) | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2024 TAHSC report | 2 |
| New definition for ‘seroconversion’ | Develop a new definition (in coordination with BSC) | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | 1 |
| New definition for ‘suspected case’ | Consider a new definition | Not started | Noted in Feb 2024 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **Section 1** | | | | | |
| **1.1.** | Notification of diseases and provision of epidemiological information | Revision of relevant articles | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **1.3.** | Diseases, infections and infestations listed by WOAH | Revision of disease names and place related to chapters to be proposed for adoption | Circulated for comments and propose for adoption | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | 1 |
| Removal of ‘Nairobi sheep disease’ | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | 1 |
| **1.6.** | Procedures for official recognition of animal health status, endorsement of an official control programme, and publication of a self-declaration of animal health status, by WOAH | Partial revision:  - New article to improve clarity on the ability for Members to hold pathogenic agents within laboratories without affecting their animal health status. | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/2) | 2 |
| **1.7.-1.12** | Status Questionnaires | Deletion of chapters, to move their content to the WOAH Website  - introduce the possibility to host the questionnaires on the web. | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **Section 4** | | | | | |
| **4.4., 4.Y.** | Zoning and compartmentalisation and new chapter on implementation of zoning | To address necessary points, as relevant, with the development of new Ch 4.4. and develop a full new chapter (taskforce by SCAD and TAHSC to work on this issue) | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 1 |
| **4.7.** | Collection and processing of bovine, small ruminant and porcine semen | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Expert consultation | Refer to Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **4.8.** | Collection and processing of *in vivo* derived embryos from livestock and equids | Consider potential amendments as a consequence of the changes in the IETS Manual | Preparatory work | Pending progress of data collection | 1 |
| **4.9.** | Collection and processing of oocytes and *in* *vitro* produced embryos from livestock and horses | Consider potential amendments as a consequence of the changes in the IETS Manual | Preparatory work | Pending progress of data collection | 1 |
| **4.13.** | Disposal of dead animals | Consider including all potentially contaminated wastes/products/fomites | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **4.14.** | General recommendations on disinfection and disinsection | Comprehensive revision of chapter  Consider question from AHG on biosecurity | Expert consultation | Refer to Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **4.X.** | New chapter on biosecurity | Develop a new chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/3) | 1 |
| **Section 5** | | | | | |
| **General** | Revision of Section 5 Trade measures, import/export procedures and veterinary certification (especially Chs 5.4. to 5.7.) | Comprehensive revision of Chs 5.4., 5.5., 5.6. and 5.7. | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/3 for Chs 5.4. and 5.6., Sep 2024/2 for Chs 5.5. and 5.7.) | 1 |
| **5.X.** | Development of introductory chapter | New introductory chapter for Section 5 (task force, TAHSC and AAC) | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **5.1., 5.2., 5.10. to 5.13.** | Certification procedures | Partial revision to review provisions on electronic certification and check model of certificate  For Ch 5.12.  Update the relevant chapters on equine diseases to take into account proposals made by the AHG on HHP Horses Veterinary Certificates | Expert consultation | Refer to Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **5.8.** | International transfer and laboratory containment of animal pathogenic agents | * Consider impact of holding PA in labs (and research facilities) * Align with corresponding *Manual* chapter (categories of PA) * Potential link with work with Nagoya protocol | Preparatory work  Pending update of Manual Chapter 1.1.3 | Noted in Sep 2023 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **Section 6** | | | | | |
| **6.8.** | Harmonisaiton of national antimicrobial resistance surveillance and monitoring programmes | Inclusion of definitions for monitoring and surveillance, as well as for active and passive surveillance and integrated surveillance | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **6.12.** | Zoonoses transmissible from non-human primates | Consider possible inclusion of SARS-CoV-2 in this chapter, possible inclusion of Macacine Herpesvirus 1 and the revision of test schedule and animal species to be tested for tuberculosis  (Origin Member requests) | Not started | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 4 |
| **Section 7** | | | | | |
| **7.1.** | Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare | Partial revision   * to include ‘five domains’ concept * to clarify the meaning of the terms ‘animal-based’, ‘resource-based’ and ‘management-based’ measures etc. | Circulated for comments and propose for adoption | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/4) | 1 |
| **7.2., 7.3., 7.4.** | Transport of animals by land, sea and air | Comprehensive revision of chapters | Expert consultation | Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report | 1 |
| **7.5.** | Animal welfare during slaughter | Article 7.5.30. Electrical water-bath stunning for poultry (points under study) | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | 2 |
| **7.6.** | Killing of animals for disease control purposes | - Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments | Refer to Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Feb 2024/2 for Articles 1 to 8, Feb 2025/1 for rest articles) | 1 |
| **Section 8** | | | | | |
| **8.4.** | Infection with *Brucella abortus*, *B. melitensis* and *B. suis* | Revision of provisions for free status | Not started | Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC | 3 |
| **8.8.** | Infection with foot and mouth disease virus | Partial revision: development of an article with provision for safe trade of fetal bovine serum  Consider safe commodities (rendered fat) | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/1) | 3 |
| Partial revision: consideration of recommendations for import of ‘horns’ | Not start | Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **8.10.** | Japanese encephalitis | Comprehensive revision of chapter  (related to works on Chs 8.21., 12.4. and 12.11.) | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | 2 |
| **8.11.** | Infection with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex | Partial revision   * to add recommendations for camelids and goats * to clarify point 1(b) of Article 8.11.4. ,provisions of free status | Not started | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **8.13.** | New world screwworm and old world screwworm | Partial revision (case definition) | Circulated for comments and propose for adoption | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/2) | 1 |
| **8.15.** | Infection with rabies virus | Partial revision   * to add recommendations on wildlife-mediated rabies * revise recovery of free status | Preparatory work | Refer to Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **8.18.** | Infection with Trichinella spp. | Consider the role and risks associated with different animal hosts | Not started | Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report | 4 |
| **8.20.** | Tularemia | Partial revision (case definition and to align other articles without altering current contents) | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | 2 |
| **8.21.** | West Nile fever | Comprehensive revision of chapter  (related to works on Chs 8.10., 12.4. and 12.11.) | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2024 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **8.X.** | New Chapter on Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever | Develop a new chapter (case definition) | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/2) | 2 |
| Consider need to develop recommendations for prevention. | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **8.Y.** | New Chapter on Infection with Nipah virus | Develop a new chapter (case definition) | Circulated for comments and propose for adoption | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/4) | 1 |
| **Section 10** | | | | | |
| **General** | Overall consideration of Section 10 Aves | Consider approach to risk management recommendations for different production sectors, species, commodities, structure of chapter (following latest adopted HAPI) across different diseases. | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2023 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **10.2.** | Avian infectious bronchitis | Review trade articles for clarity. | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2023 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **10.3.** | Avian infectious laryngotracheitis | Consider amendments to ensure alignment with recently revised *Manual* chapter | Not started | Noted in Sep 2023 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **10.5.** | Infection with *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (Avian mycoplasmosis) | Full update of the chapter (content and structure) based on the recent update of the *Manual* Chapter. Consider inclusion of *M. synoviae* into a single chapter (and listed disease). | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2023 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **10.9.** | Infection with Newcastle disease virus | Revision to align with recent revision of Ch 10.4.  Provision on recovery of free status | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **10.X.** | Infection with avian metapneumovirus (Turkey rhinotracheitis and swollen head syndrome of chicken) | Develop a new chapter (case definition) | Circulated for comments | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/2) | 2 |
| **Section 11** | | | | | |
| **11.5.** | Infection with *Mycoplasma mycoides* subsp. *mycoides* SC (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia) | Harmonisation of chapters with official status recognition | Circulated for comments and propose for adoption | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/5) | 1 |
| **11.11.** | Trichomonosis | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Not started | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2020/2) | 3 |
| **11.X.** | New Chapter on Infection with bovine pestivirus (bovine viral diarrhoea) | Develop a new chapter (case definition) | Circulated for comments and propose for adoption | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/6) | 1 |
| **Section 12** | | | | | |
| **12.1.** | African horse sickness | Harmonisation of chapters with official status recognition  Proposals from AHG on AHS and SCAD | Circulated for comments and propose for adoption | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/5) | 1 |
| **12.3.** | Dourine | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments and propose for adoption | Refer to Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Feb 2024/3) | 1 |
| **12.4.** | Equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) | Comprehensive revision of chapter  (related to works on Chs 8.10., 8.21. and 12.11.) | Circulated for comments and propose for adoption | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/2) | 1 |
| **12.8.** | Infection with equid herpesvirus-1 (Equine rhinopneumonitis) | For consistency of disease name | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2024 TAHSC report  Manual chapter adopted at the last GS | 3 |
| **12.11.** | Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis | Comprehensive revision of chapter  (related to works on Chs 8.10., 8.21. and 12.4.) | Expert consultation | Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **Section 13** | | | | | |
| **13.2.** | Rabbit haemorrhagic disease | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2023 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **Section 14** | | | | | |
| **14.1. and 14.5.** | Caprine arthritis/encephalitis  and Maedi-visna | Comprehensive revision   * include case definition * combine into one chapter | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **14.7.** | Infection with peste des petits ruminants virus | Partial revision:  - Reconsider susceptible animals targeted in the chapter (wild animals, pigs)  - Review Article 14.7.19. and  Article 14.7.25 to remove reference to Chapter 8.8.  - New article on recommendations for importation of animals for direct slaughter  - Apply new drafting conventions | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **14.8.** | Scrapie | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **14.9.** | Sheep pox and goat pox | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2025 TAHSC report | 3 |
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|  | **\* Description of the consequence of priority order** |
| **1** | * ***active work for the TAHSC*** * ***identified as the priority to progress as soon as possible*** * ***to be put forward for next meeting agenda*** |
| **2** | * ***active work for the TAHSC*** * ***progression as time and resources allow*** * ***to be included in next meeting agenda*** |
| **3** | * ***not immediate work for the TAHSC*** * ***possible progression if time, resources allow*** * ***needs to progress before consideration for next meeting agenda*** |
| **4** | * ***not active*** * ***not to be immediately started*** |

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| **List of abbreviations** |  |  |  |
| **AAC** | **Aquatic Animals Commission** | **HQ** | **WOAH Headquarters** |
| **AHG** | ***Ad hoc* Group** | **IETS** | **International Embryo Technology Society** |
| **BSC** | **Biological Standards Commission** | **SCAD** | **Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases** |
| **Ch** | **Chapter** | **TAHSC** | **Terrestrial Animal Health Standard Commission** |