Annex 19

Chapter ~~X~~8.Y.

Infection WITH *LEISHMANIA* SPP. (LEISHMANIOSIS)

Article ~~X~~8.Y.1.

General provisions

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, *~~infection~~* ~~with~~ *~~Leishmania spp.~~* leishmaniosis is defined as an *infection* of dogs and cats (hereafter ‘susceptible animal’)by protozoan parasites of the genus *Leishmania*, family *Trypanosomatidae*,order *Kinetoplastida*.

The *infection* is usually transmitted by the bite of an infected *~~Phlebotomus~~* ~~sandfly~~phlebotomine sand fly belonging to the genera *Phlebotomus* (Old World) or *Lutzomyia* (New World).

The following defines the occurrence of *infection* with *Leishmania* spp.:

1. *Leishmania* spp. amastigotes have been observed and identified as such in a sample~~s~~ from a ~~dog or a cat~~ susceptible animal; or
2. nucleic acid specific to *Leishmania* spp.has been detected in a sample from a ~~dog or a cat~~ susceptible animal showing clinical signs or pathological lesions consistent with *infection* with *Leishmania* spp., or epidemiologically linked to a confirmed or suspected *case*, or giving cause for suspicion of previous association or contact with *Leishmania* spp.;or
3. antibodies specific to *Leishmania* spp.that are not the consequence of *vaccination* have been detected in a sample from a ~~dog or a cat~~ susceptible animal showing clinical signs or pathological lesions consistent with *infection* with *Leishmania* spp., or epidemiologically linked to a confirmed or suspected *case*, or giving cause for suspicion of previous association or contact with *Leishmania* spp.

Standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines are described in the [*Terrestrial Manual*](https://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahm/3.01.11_LEISHMANIOSIS.pdf).

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