Annex 3

The USA would like to commend WOAH for its essential work and thank the Code Commission for having taken into consideration USA comments on the Terrestrial Code submitted previously.

In addition, as requested in Dr. Rosemary Sifford’s letter of June 24, 2022, to the Director General, the USA is renewing our request for the WOAH to promptly review and update Chapter 14.8. Scrapie by establishing a priority order 1 in the Work Program for the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (TAHSC). As noted in the Code Commission’s February 2022 report, a decision was made to retain Scrapie as a listed disease. The last revision of chapter 14.8 was in 2011, since then science has advanced our understanding of this disease, making the current standard obsolete and producing barriers to safe international trade. Further, the USA requests that, as a part of the update, live animal scrapie testing and testing for genetic resistance to scrapie be included as valid methods for ensuring the safe trade of sheep and goats between scrapie affected countries.

Also, the USA appreciates the extensive effort by the TAHSC and the corresponding Ad hoc Group on enhancements to the definition of *poultry* in the Glossary. Given the mounting scientific evidence demonstrating that birds used for restocking supplies of game raised for release and those kept in a single household (also referred to a “backyard birds”), particularly those that may have limited sales – such as eggs, pose negligible risk to *poultry* or *poultry* facilities; therefore, the USA urges WOAH to request that the Ad hoc Group further review the risk posed by these populations of birds and consider further amending the definition of *poultry* prior to proposing it for adoption.

**WORK PROGRAMME FOR**

**THE TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION**

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| **Chapter** | **Issues** | **Summary of the work** | **Status - September 2022** | | **Priority order \*** |
| **Stage of  consideration** | **Remarks (Month when draft text first circulated for comment /# of rounds for comment)** |
| **General** | Wildlife Health | Overarching consideration on how wildlife animal health is addressed in the Terrestrial Code | preliminary discussions | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| Five domains concept | Impact assessment for the inclusion of the concept in the Terrestrial Code | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **Use of terms** | Use of terms: disease / infection / infestation | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2020 TAHSC report | 2 |
| Use of terms: animal health status | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2020 TAHSC report | 3 |
| Use of terms: animal-based measures / measurables | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency  Develop a policy for their use | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2021 TAHSC report | 2 |
| Use of terms: enzootic / endemic / epizootic / epidemic | To consider replacing ‘enzootic’ with ‘endemic’ and ‘epizootic’ with ‘epidemic’ throughout the Code | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 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 |
| Use of terms: Competent Authority / Veterinary Authority / Veterinary Services | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| Use of terms: fetal / foetal / fetus / foetus | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 1 |
| Use of terms: bovid / bovidae / bovine / cattle | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency  Develop a policy for their use | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 1 |
| **User's guide** | Revision of the Users' guide (standing item) | Amendments related to use of terms: Competent Authority / Veterinary Authority / Veterinary Services and bovid / bovidae / bovine / cattle | Standing item  Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 1 |
| **Glossary** | ‘Death’, ‘euthanasia’, ‘slaughter’ and ‘stunning’ | In-depth revision in relation to work on Ch 7.5-7.6 | Expert consultation | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2019/3) | 2 |
| ‘Poultry’ | Revise to exclude populations of pet birds for breeding or selling from the definition. | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Feb 2022/2) | 1 |
| New definition for ‘protein meal’ | Develop the new definition as a result of discussion on revision of Ch 11.4. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Feb 2021/4) | 1 |
| New definitions for ‘distress’, ‘pain’ and ‘suffering’ | Develop the new definitions as a result of discussion on revision of Ch 7.5. (to remove them from Ch 7.8.) | Expert consultation | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2019/2) | 2 |
| New definitions for ‘animal products’, ‘product of animal origin’ and ‘animal by-product’ | Review use of the terms across the Code for consistency. Develop a policy for their use and draft definitions. | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2020 TAHSC report | 3 |
| New definition for ‘swill’ | Review use of the term across the Code. Develop a policy for its use and consider developing a definition. | Preparatory work | Refer to Sep 2021 TAHSC report | 1 |
|  | Use of terms ‘meat-and-bone meal’ and ‘greaves’ | Review use of the term ‘meat-and-bone meal’ across the Code and consider replacing the term with 'protein meal’ after adoption of new definition | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 1 |
|  | Review use of the term ‘greaves’ across the Code and consider replacing the term with 'protein meal’ after adoption of new definition | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **Section 1** | | | | | |
| **1.3.** | Listing of Infection with *T. lestoquardi*, *T. luwenshuni* and *T. uilenbergi* (Article 1.3.3.) | Consider listing based on the conclusion that the disease meets the criteria for listing | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Feb 2022/2) | 2 |
| **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 the OIE | Partial revision to improve clarity on the ability for Members to hold pathogenic agents within laboratories without affecting their animal health status | Expert consultation | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **1.8.** | Application for official recognition by the OIE of free status for bovine spongiform encephalopathy | Full revision of chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2019/6) | 1 |
| **Section 4** | | | | | |
| **4.4.** | Zoning and compartmentalisation | Partial revision to define a time limit for containment zones | Preparatory work | Refer to Sep 2021 TAHSC report | 1 |
| **4.6.** | Collection and processing of semen of animals | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 1 |
| **4.7.** | Collection and processing of bovine, small ruminant and porcine semen | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Preparatory work | Pending progress of the work on Ch 4.6. | 2 |
| **4.8.** | Collection and processing of *in vivo* derived embryos from livestock and equids | Partial revision   * to include new text addressing animal welfare requirements for embryo collection * to reclassify the category for Bluetongue | Not started | Pending progress of the work on Ch 4.6. and Ch 4.7. | 3 |
| **4.9.** | Collection and processing of oocytes and *in* *vitro* produced embryos from livestock and horses | Partial revision (Art. 4.9.5.) to include provisions regarding risk mitigation measures for BVD | Not started | Pending progress of the work on Ch 4.6. and Ch 4.7. | 3 |
| **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 | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **4.X.** | New chapter on biosecurity | Develop a new chapter | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 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 to 5.7. | Expert consultation | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 1 |
| **5.2.** | Certification procedures | Partial revision to review provisions on electronic certification | Expert consultation | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **5.11.** | Model veterinary certificate for international movement of dogs, cats and ferrets originating from countries considered infected with rabies | Consequential revision due to revision of Ch 8.14. | Preparatory work | Pending progress of the work on Ch 8.14. | 3 |
| **5.12.** | Model passport for international movement of competition horses | Update the relevant chapters on equine diseases to take into account proposals made by the AHG on HHP Horses Veterinary Certificates | Preparatory work | Pending progress of the works on Chs on horse diseases | 3 |
| **Section 6** | | | | | |
| **6.2.** | The role of the Veterinary Services in food safety systems | Review the chapter based on the revised Glossary definitions for ‘CA’, ‘VA’ and ‘VS’ | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **6.3.** | Control of biological hazards of animal health and public health importance through ante- and post-mortem meat inspection | Revision to avoid duplication with Ch 6.2., to simplify and to refer to relevant Codex GLs more | Not started | - | 3 |
| **6.10.** | Responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in veterinary medicine | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 1 |
| **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 | Noted in Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **Section 7** | | | | | |
| **General** | Transport of animals by land, sea and air (Chs 7.2., 7.3. and 7.4.) | Comprehensive revision of chapters | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **7.5.** | Slaughter of animals | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Expert consultation | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Feb 2021/2) | 1 |
| **7.6.** | Killing of animals for disease control purposes | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Preparatory work | Refer to Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **7.X.** | New chapter on animal welfare and laying hen production systems | Develop a new chapter | Consultation | Noted in Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **Section 8** | | | | | |
| **8.8.** | Infection with foot and mouth disease virus | Comprehensive revision of chapter (including harmonisation of chapters with official status recognition) | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2015/4) | 1 |
| **8.10.** | Japanese encephalitis | Comprehensive revision of chapter  (related to works on Chs 12.4. and 12.11.) | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **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. | Not started | Noted in Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **8.13.** | Paratuberculosis | Consider amendments to ensure alignment with recently revised Manual chapter | Not started | Refer to Sep 2020 TAHSC report | 4 |
| **8.14.** | Infection with rabies virus | Partial revision   * to amend the provisions for the importation of vaccinated dogs from infected countries or zones * to add provisions for the implementation of a rabies vaccination programme for dogs | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2020/3) | 1 |
| Partial revision   * to add recommendations on wildlife-mediated rabies | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **8.15.** | Infection with Rift Valley fever virus | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Feb 2019/5) | 1 |
| **8.X.** | New Chapter on Infection with *Coxiella burnetiid* (Q fever) | Develop a new chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 2 |
| **8.Y.** | New Chapter on Surra | Develop a new chapter | Preparatory work | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 2 |
| **Section 10** | | | | | |
| **10.3.** | Avian infectious laryngotracheitis | Consider amendments to ensure alignment with recently revised Manual chapter | Not started | Refer to Sep 2020 TAHSC report | 4 |
| **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 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **10.9.** | Infection with Newcastle disease virus | Remove the definition of poultry | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Feb 2022/2) | 1 |
| Revision to align with recent revision of Ch 10.4. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **Section 11** | | | | | |
| **11.4.** | Bovine spongiform encephalopathy | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report and Sep 2022 SCAD report (Sep 2019/6) | 1 |
| **11.5.** | Infection with *Mycoplasma mycoides* subsp. *mycoides* SC (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia) | Harmonisation of chapters with official status recognition | Circulated for comments | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 2 |
| **11.11.** | Trichomonosis | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Expert consultation | 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 | Circulated for comments | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 2 |
| **Section 12** | | | | | |
| **12.1.** | African horse sickness | Harmonisation of chapters with official status recognition  Proposals from AHG on AHS and SCAD | Circulated for comments | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 2 |
| **12.2.** | Contagious equine metritis | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2020/3) | 1 |
| **12.3.** | Dourine | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Expert consultation | Refer to Feb 2019 TAHSC report and SCAD Sept 2021 | 2 |
| **12.4.** | Equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western) | Comprehensive revision of chapter  (related to works on Chs 8.10. and 12.11.) | Not started | Pending ongoing work on case definition | 3 |
| **12.6.** | Infection with equine influenza virus | Partial revision   * to add a case definition * to revise Article 12.6.6 based on the outcomes of work to evaluate equine influenza vaccination protocols prior to shipment of horses coordinated by an OIE Reference Laboratory * to consider the consequential amendments to the chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Feb 2019/5) | 1 |
| **12.7.** | Equine piroplasmosis | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2020/3) | 1 |
| **12.11.** | Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis | Comprehensive revision of chapter  (related to works on Chs 8.10. and 12.4.) | Not started | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **Section 13** | | | | | |
| **13.2.** | Rabbit haemorrhagic disease | Partial revision   * to add a case definition * to add a new article on recovery of free status * to revise other articles, as appropriate | Not started | Noted in Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **Section 14** | | | | | |
| **14.8.** | Scrapie | Comprehensive revision of chapter | Not started | Noted in Feb 2022 TAHSC report | 3 |
| **14.X.** | New Chapter on infection with *Theileria* in small ruminants | Develop a new chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2022 TAHSC report (Sep 2017/3) | 1 |
| **Section 15** | | | | | |
| **15.3.** | Infection with porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus (Article 15.3.9.) | Partial revision to address a concern that the testing regime in relation to semen collection centres is not sufficient to prevent the introduction of the virus through semen from countries that are not free from PRRS | Not started | Refer to Feb 2018 TAHSC report | 4 |
| **Others** | | | | | |
| **X. .** | New Chapter on Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever | Develop a new chapter | Preparatory work | Noted in Feb 2022 TAHSC report  Pending ongoing work on case definition | 2 |
| **X.X.** | New Chapter on infection with Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus | Develop a new chapter following listing and Manual chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2022 TAHSC report  (Feb 2022/2) | 1 |
| **X.Y.** | New Chapter on infection with *Leishmania* spp. (Leishmaniosis) | Develop a new chapter following Manual chapter | Circulated for comments  (proposed for adoption in May 2023) | Noted in Feb 2022 TAHSC report  (Feb 2022/2) | 1 |
| **X.Z.** | New Chapter on Camelpox | Develop a new chapter | Circulated for comments | Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report  (Sep 2022/1) | 2 |

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| **\* Description of priority order** | |
| **1** | * ***active work for the TAHSC*** * ***to be put forward for next meeting agenda*** |
| **2** | * ***active work for the TAHSC*** * ***to be included in next meeting agenda if time allows, depending on other progress*** |
| **3** | * ***not immediate work for the TAHSC*** * ***needs to progress before consideration for next meeting agenda*** |
| **4** | * ***not active*** * ***not to be immediately started*** |

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| **List of abbreviations** | |
| **AHG** | ***Ad hoc* Group** |
| **BSC** | **Biological Standards Commission** |
| **Ch** | **Chapter** |
| **HQ** | **OIE Headquarters** |
| **SCAD** | **Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases** |
| **TAHSC** | **Terrestrial Animal Health Standard Commission** |