

**WORK PROGRAMME FOR
THE TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION**

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 <i>Terrestrial Code</i>	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 Sep 2024 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	Preparatory work	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report Noted in Sep 2022 TAHSC report (pet-food commodities)	2

		of safe commodities of chapters (when revised).			
Use of terms	Use of terms: animal health status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <i>Code</i> 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 <i>Code</i> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to provide more explanation on disease-specific chapters - to develop a new point on terms referring to animals used in the <i>Terrestrial Code</i> - work on introduction 	Circulated for comments and work in parallel	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/3)	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 <i>Code</i> . Develop a policy for its use and consider developing a definition. (connected to biosecurity work)	Circulated for comments	1. Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/2) 2. Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	1
	1. New definition for 'point of exit' and definitions for 'border post' and 'quarantine station' 2. New definition for 'point of entry' and definition for 'transit country'	Review as a part of the work to revise Chs 5.4. to 5.7.	Circulated for comments	1. Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/2) 2. Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	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 Sep 2024 TAHSC report	1
	Definition for 'laboratory'	Revision of definition	Expert consultation	Noted in Feb 2024 TAHSC report	2
	New definition for 'suspected case'	Develop a new definition	Expert consultation	Noted in Feb 2024 TAHSC report	2
Section 1					
1.1.	Notification of diseases and provision of epidemiological information	identification of the first step	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 TAHSC report	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 WOAHA	Partial revision: - New article to improve clarity on the ability for Members to hold pathogenic agents within laboratories without affecting their animal health status. - introduce the possibility to host the questionnaires on the web.	Circulated for comments	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Feb 2023/1)	2
1.7.- 1.12	Status Questionnaires	Deletion of chapters, to move their content to the WOAHA Website	Preparatory work	Noted in Sep 2024 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)	Preparatory work	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report	1

4.7.	Collection and processing of bovine, small ruminant and porcine semen	Comprehensive revision of chapter	Expert consultation	Refer to Sep 2024 TAHSC report	1
4.8.	Collection and processing of <i>in vivo</i> 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	2
4.9.	Collection and processing of oocytes and <i>in vitro</i> 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	2
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	Preparatory work	Refer to Feb 2022 TAHSC report	2
4.X.	New chapter on biosecurity	Develop a new chapter	Circulated for comments	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/2)	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 Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/2 for Chs 5.4. and 5.6., Sep 2024/1 for Chs 5.5. and 5.7.)	1
5.X.	Development of introductory chapter	New introductory chapter for Section 5	Preparatory work	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report	3
5.1., 5.2., 5.10.	Certification procedures	Partial revision to review provisions on electronic certification and check model of certificate	Expert consultation	Refer to Sep 2024 TAHSC report	2

5.8.	International transfer and laboratory containment of animal pathogenic agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider impact of holding PA in labs (and research facilities) - Align with corresponding <i>Manual</i> 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
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	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report	2
Section 6					
6.8.	Harmonisation 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 Sep 2024 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to include 'five domains' concept - to clarify the meaning of the terms 'animal-based', 'resource-based' and 'management-based' measures etc. 	Circulated for comments	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/3)	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
7.6.	Killing of animals for disease control purposes	- Comprehensive revision of chapter	- Partial revision: Expert consultation - Comprehensive revision: Expert consultation	Refer to Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Feb 2024/1)	1
Section 8					
8.4.	Infection with <i>Brucella abortus</i> , <i>B. melitensis</i> and <i>B. suis</i>	Revision of provisions for free status	Not started	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report	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	Circulated for comments	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	3
		Partial revision: consideration of recommendations for import of 'horns'	Expert consultation	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.)	Expert consultation	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report	2
8.11.	Infection with <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex	Partial revision - to add recommendations for camelids and goats - to clarify point 1(b) of Article 8.11.4.	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	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	3

8.15.	Infection with rabies virus	Partial revision - to add recommendations on wildlife-mediated rabies	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)	Preparatory work	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report	3
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 Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	2
		Consider need to develop recommendations for prevention.	Preparatory work	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report	2
8.Y.	New Chapter on Infection with Nipah virus	Develop a new chapter (case definition)	Circulated for comments	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2023/3)	2
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	3
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 <i>Manual</i> chapter	Not started	Noted in Sep 2023 TAHSC report	3
10.5.	Infection with <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> (Avian mycoplasmosis)	Full update of the chapter (content and structure) based on the recent update of the <i>Manual</i> Chapter. Consider inclusion of <i>M. synoviae</i> 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.	Not started	Noted in Sep 2023 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 Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	2
Section 11					
11.5.	Infection with <i>Mycoplasma mycoides</i> subsp. <i>mycoides</i> SC (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia)	Harmonisation of chapters with official status recognition	Circulated for comments	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/4)	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	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/5)	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	Noted in Sept 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2022/4)	1

12.3.	Dourine	Comprehensive revision of chapter	Circulated for comments	Refer to Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Feb 2024/2)	2
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	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	2
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					
14.7.	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 Sep 2024 TAHSC report	2
14.8.	Scrapie	Comprehensive revision of chapter	Expert consultation	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report	2

14.9.	Sheep pox and goat pox	Comprehensive revision of chapter	Expert consultation	Noted in Sep 2024 TAHSC report	3
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* Description of the consequence of priority order	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>active work for the TAHSC</i> - <i>identified as the priority to progress as soon as possible</i> - <i>to be put forward for next meeting agenda</i>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>active work for the TAHSC</i> - <i>progression as time and resources allow</i> - <i>to be included in next meeting agenda</i>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>not immediate work for the TAHSC</i> - <i>possible progression if time, resources allow</i> - <i>needs to progress before consideration for next meeting agenda</i>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>not active</i> - <i>not to be immediately started</i>
List of abbreviations	
AHG	<i>Ad hoc</i> Group
BSC	Biological Standards Commission
Ch	Chapter
HQ	WOAH Headquarters
IETS	International Embryo Technology Society
SCAD	Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases
TAHSC	Terrestrial Animal Health Standard Commission