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 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 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 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 *Code*. 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 |
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|  | 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 |
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|  | 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 |
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|  | Definition for ‘laboratory’ | Revision of definition | Expert consultation | Noted in Feb 2024 TAHSC report | 2 |
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|  | 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 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.  - 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 WOAH 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 *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 | 2 |
| **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 | 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 | * 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 |
| **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.** | 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 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   * 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 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 | 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 *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* 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 *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. | 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 *Mycoplasma mycoides* subsp. *mycoides* 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** | * ***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*** |
| **List of abbreviations** | |
| **AHG** | ***Ad hoc* 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** |