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**Standards setting: Terrestrial and Aquatic  
Animal Health Code - common positions of  
Europe for 89th General Session**

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# **(1) Terrestrial Animal Health Code**

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STATEMENTS

# OIE Statement on monitoring white-tailed deer for SARS-CoV-2



Recent scientific research has shown a high prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 infection within white-tailed deer populations in North America. This is the first time



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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE OIE  
TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**Virtual meeting, 7–16 & 23 September 2021**

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The OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (the Code Commission) held its meeting electronically from 7 to 16, and 23 September 2021. The list of participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

The Code Commission thanked the following Members and partner organisations for providing comments on its February 2021 report: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, China (People's Republic of), Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, the United Kingdom (UK), the United States of America (USA), Members of the OIE Asia, Far East and Oceania Region, the African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) on behalf of African Member Countries of the OIE, Members of the OIE Americas Region, the Comité Veterinario Permanente del Cono Sur (CVP) on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay, the Member States of European Union (EU), the International Coalition for Farm Animal Welfare (ICFAW), and the World Renderers Organization (WRO).



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Amendments to new or revised text of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (the *Terrestrial Code*) are presented in the usual manner by ‘double underline’ and ‘~~striketrough~~’, and the texts are annexed to this report. In previously circulated texts, new amendments proposed at this meeting are highlighted with a coloured background to distinguish them from those proposed previously.

The Code Commission encouraged Members to refer to previous reports for longstanding issues. The Commission also draws the attention of Members to where the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (the Scientific Commission), the Biological Standards Commission (the Laboratories Commission), a Working Group or an *ad hoc* Group have addressed specific comments or questions and proposed answers or amendments. In such cases, the rationale is described in the relevant report of these expert groups and Members are encouraged to review these reports together with the report of the Code Commission. These reports are available on the OIE website.

Members should note that texts in **Part A (Annexes 4 to 18)** of this report are circulated for Member comments and will be proposed for adoption at the 89th General Session in May 2022. **Part B (Annex 19)** are texts circulated for Member comments only.

All comments on relevant texts in **Part A** and **Part B** must reach OIE Headquarters **by 27 December 2021** for them to be considered by the Code Commission at its February 2022 meeting. Comments received after the due date will not be submitted to the Code Commission for its consideration. In addition, the Code Commission would like to highlight that comments should be submitted through the OIE Delegate of Member Countries or organisations which the OIE has a Cooperative Agreement with.

All comments should be sent to the OIE Standards Department at **TCC.Secretariat@oie.int** no later than **27 December 2021**.

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**REPORT OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE OIE SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION FOR ANIMAL DISEASES**

**Virtual, 13 to 24 September 2021**

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A virtual meeting of the OIE Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (the Commission) was held from 13 to 24 September 2021.

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted by the Commission. The meeting was chaired by Dr Cristóbal Zepeda and the OIE Secretariat acted as rapporteur. The agenda and list of participants are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

**2. Welcome**

**Full report = 87 pages**



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## **(2) Aquatic Animal Health Code (and Manual)**

**→ Aquatic Animals Commission report**



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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE OIE  
AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**Virtual meeting, 22–29 September 2021**

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The OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (the Aquatic Animals Commission) held its meeting electronically from 22 to 29 September 2021. The list of participants is attached as [Annex 1](#).

The Aquatic Animals Commission wished to thank the following Members for providing written comments on draft texts for the OIE *Aquatic Animal Health Code* (hereinafter referred to as the *Aquatic Code*) and OIE *Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals* (hereinafter referred to as the *Aquatic Manual*) circulated in Part B of the Commission's February 2021 report: Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, China (People's Republic of), Chinese Taipei, Japan, Korea (Republic of), New Zealand, Thailand, United Kingdom (the UK), United States of America (the USA), the African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) on behalf of African Member Countries of the OIE, the Permanent Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone (CVP) on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay, and the Member States of the European Union (EU). The Commission also wished to acknowledge the valuable advice and contributions from numerous experts of the OIE scientific



The Aquatic Animals Commission informed Members that *ad hoc* Group reports would no longer be annexed to its report. Instead a hyperlink will be provided for relevant *ad hoc* Group reports that will take the reader to the dedicated webpages for all *ad hoc* Group reports on the [OIE Website: https://www.oie.int/en/what-we-do/standards/standards-setting-process/ad-hoc-groups/](https://www.oie.int/en/what-we-do/standards/standards-setting-process/ad-hoc-groups/). The Commission encourages Members to consider relevant information in previous Commission and *ad hoc* Group reports when preparing comments, especially on longstanding issues.

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Texts in **Annexes 2 to 24** are presented for Member comments.

Comments on relevant texts in this report must reach OIE Headquarters by the **9 January 2022** to be considered at the February 2022 meeting of the Aquatic Animals Commission.

All comments should be sent to the OIE Standards Department at: [AAC.Secretariat@oie.int](mailto:AAC.Secretariat@oie.int).

Comments should be submitted as Word files rather than pdf files because pdf files are difficult to incorporate into the Commission's working documents.

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### **(3) Common EU comments**

**→ to be agreed at Council CVO meeting  
(14 December 2021)**

**→ to be sent to OIE before Christmas**

**→ published on DG SANTE's website**





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# EU comments and position papers

## Issues discussed in the OIE

[EU comments](#) EN on the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code following the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission meeting of February 2021 and prior to its next meeting in September 2021

[EU comments](#) EN on the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code and Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals following the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission meeting of February 2021 and prior to its next meeting in September 2021

[EU position](#) EN on the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code to be proposed for adoption at the 88th General Session, held in May 2021



## **Code Commission September 2021 meeting report:**

<https://www.oie.int/en/what-we-do/standards/standards-setting-process/code-commission-reports/#ui-id-3>

## **Aquatic Animals Commission September 2021 meeting report:**

<https://www.oie.int/en/what-we-do/standards/standards-setting-process/aquatic-animals-commission/#ui-id-3>

## **EU comments on September 2021 meeting reports:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/food/horizontal-topics/international-affairs/international-standards/oie/eu-comments\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/horizontal-topics/international-affairs/international-standards/oie/eu-comments_en)

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