

# Revision of the Terrestrial Code

## Key topics for the Europe Region

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# Generalities

First Physical meeting since February 2020!

First meeting of the Bureaus (President + vice-Presidents) of TAHSC and BSC: discuss on respective programmes, and on case definitions.

First meeting of the Bureaus and of TAHSC and AAHSC: discuss on respective programmes, including use of newly defined VA, CA and VS + Section 4 (disease control, biosecurity) and Section 5 (import/export).

General discussions on terminology, E-certification and Codification.



# Horizontal topics (Volume 1)

## BIOSECURITY(Section 4)

New chapter – Ad hoc Group (end November / beginning December) –  
Scope and Terms of reference

## IMPORT-EXPORT (Section 5)

In-depth revision of 5.3. to 5.7. – Ad  
hoc Group (mid-November) –  
Embark in a global work on  
improvement of trade measures

## AMR (Section 6)

Revision of Chapter 6.10. (pending EU  
comments + AMR Working Group) –  
Links with Codex alimentarius – APR

## ANIMAL WELFARE (Section 7)

Revision of Chapter 7.5. Slaughter



# Vertical topics (Volume 2)

## FMD

Thorough revision – Ready for adoption?

## BSE

Withdrawn from adoption in May 2022 – New comments – Major issues – Adoption 2023?

## RABIES

Pending comments –  
Vaccination programmes –  
Wildlife

## OTHERS

Horses

## Foot-and-Mouth Disease

- Case definition: ‘transmission’ = ‘infection’.
- Safe commodities: inclusion of extruded dry petfood.
- Free without vaccination: introduction of vaccinated animals only from free with vaccination (keep two tests, sero + viro).
- Containment zone: up to 24 months.
- New article on small ruminant meat from infected: data on maturation process (pH).





## Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

- Atypical BSE : NOT notifiable
- Atypical BSE: NOT in the risk assessment (exposure)
- Atypical BSE: to be managed
- Ruminant-to-Ruminant feed ban: compulsory for status
- Specified Risk Materials
- Surveillance



## BSE: Atypical vs. Classical & consequences

1. BSE is a disease both Classical and Atypical, impossible to differentiate clinically
2. But Atypical does not comply with Chapter 1.2.: ubiquitous and never demonstrated source
3. Atypical already not relevant for entry; now not relevant for exposure.
4. Atypical not proven transmissible under natural conditions but potential for recycling cannot be ruled out and should be avoided.
5. So, risk mitigation is requested for BSE as a whole, i.e. feed practices or feed ban compulsory for controlled/negligible status.
6. And animals with Atypical BSE should be destroyed.





## BSE: Specified Risk Material

1. Clearer description; no reference to the destination but (i) tissues and (ii) commodities containing these tissues.
2. Not create unjustified barriers to trade (i.e. not for negligible risk).
3. Not add tonsils.
4. Keep protein meal.



## BSE: Surveillance

1. Clearer description of targeted subpopulation.
2. Within that subpopulation, report of animals described in a) to d) after epi investigations.
3. These animals should undergo lab testing to rule out or confirm BSE.
4. BSE should be discriminated between Classical and Atypical (all findings should be in the report for status recognition).

# Rabies

- Pending topic on importation of dogs from infected countries or zones (3 months vs 30 days after test):
  - Risk assessment can be used for specific conditions, not for global risk management option;
  - No new scientific evidence justifying;
  - Scientific data on serology in naturally infected dogs confirms proposal
  - Stick to 30 days
- Official control programmes for dog-mediated rabies:
  - Only dogs (not cats/kittens)
  - Parenteral vaccination should remain the foundation of mass vaccination
  - Identification system
- Official control programmes for rabies in wildlife: not included at this stage



## Others

- Chapters on horse diseases under revision – for adoption:
  - Contagious Equine Metritis
  - Equine Influenza (case definition)
  - Piroplasmosis (inputs from BSC)
- Chapters with WOA status for harmonisation:
  - Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia
  - African Horse Sickness (+ surveillance)
- New work on encephalitis (as Manual updated and trade issues):
  - Equine Encephalitis (E&W), VEE
  - Japanese Encephalitis
- Animal welfare: laying hens?
- Others: Small ruminants theileriosis, Surra, Dourine



# Thank you

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