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1. Objective

- To increase Member's engagement in WOAHA standards setting process
- To inform WOAHA Members on texts circulated for comment, their background and rationale
- To improve exchanges between the Specialist Commissions and WOAHA Members



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Term: 2021 - 2024



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Where can I find the information on the work of the Code Commission?

Only for WOAAH Delegates: WOAAH Delegates Website

- Report and annexes in **MS Word Format**
- Use this format to comment

Publicly available

- Report and annexes in **PDF Format**
- Format easier to share

WHAT WE DO

→ Standards

→ Standard-Setting Process

The screenshot shows the WOAH website header with navigation links: Codes and Manuals, Publications, Documentary Portal, Training Platform, Bookshop, EN, FR, ES. Below the header, the 'WHAT WE DO' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Standards' and 'Standard-Setting Process' circled in orange. The main content area features a 'What we do' section with a description of the organization's mission and a list of sub-sections: Animal Health and Welfare, Global Initiatives, Publications, Codes and Manuals, Standard-Setting Process, and Observatory. The 'Standards' and 'Standard-Setting Process' links are circled in orange, with arrows pointing to them from the 'WHAT WE DO' dropdown menu.



Where can I find complementary information on the topics discussed by the Code Commission?

The Code Commission refers in many instances to topics discussed by the SCAD, BSC, WGs or AHGs.

In such cases, the full rationale is described in the relevant report. **Members should read the report of the Code Commission in conjunction with these reports.**

All reports are available **on the WOAHA Website**

Specialists Commissions

The relevant [Specialist Commission](#) consider requests to develop new standards or review existing standards received from a range of stakeholders including from Members, partner international organisations, and its scientific network. These requests are reviewed, prioritized and included on its respective work plans.

Calendar of the upcoming Specialist Commission meetings

Commissions*	September 2022	February 2023
Terrestrial Code Commission	13-22	7-16
Biological Standards Commission	5-9	6-10
Scientific Commission	19-25	13-17
Aquatic Animals Commission	14-21	15-22

*Projected dates of the next meetings of the four Specialist Commissions



Ad hoc Groups and Working Groups

The *ad hoc* Groups and Working Groups may be requested to address specific topics to ensure that new or revised standards are based on the latest scientific evidence and knowledge. The views of the Members and partner international organisations are routinely sought through the circulation of draft and revised texts in the relevant Specialist Commission report.





2. Code Commission's work programme - State of play (September 2022)

State of play

- Work programme currently includes **74** work items
- **47** items are ongoing
- **38** work items in coordination with other Specialist commissions

At this meeting

- **18** texts circulated for comments and adoption in 2023
- **7** texts circulated for comments:
- **6** new proposals/requests considered
- **11** new work items added
- **14** work items closed



3. Texts for comment and proposed for adoption in May 2023



Texts for comment and proposed for adoption in May 2023

18 annexes

1. User's Guide (**Annex 4**)
2. Glossary definition for 'Poultry' (**Annex 5**)
3. Infection with foot and mouth disease virus (Chapter 8.8.) (**Annex 6**)
4. Infection with rabies virus (Articles 8.14.6bis. and 8.14.7.) (**Annex 7**)
5. Infection with Rift Valley fever virus (Chapter 8.15.) (**Annex 8**)
6. Infection with Newcastle disease virus (Article 10.9.1.) (**Annex 9**)
7. Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (Chapter 11.4.), Application for official recognition by the OIE of risk status for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (Chapter 1.8.) and Glossary definition for 'protein meal' (**Annex 10, 11, 5**)
8. Contagious equine metritis (Chapter 12.2.) (**Annex 12**)
9. Infection with equine influenza virus (Chapter 12.6.) (**Annex 13**)
10. Equine piroplasmiasis (Chapter 12.7.) (**Annex 14**)
11. Infection with *Theileria lestoquardi*, *T. luwenshuni* and *T. uilenbergi* (Chapter 14.X.) and Diseases, infections and infestations listed by the OIE (Article 1.3.3.) (**Annex 15, 16**)
12. Infection with Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (Chapter X.X.) (**Annex 17**)
13. Infection with *Leishmania* spp. (Leishmaniasis) (Chapter X.Y.) (**Annex 18**)
14. Terminology: Use of terms 'fetal', 'foetal', 'fetus' and 'foetus' (**Annex 19**)
15. Terminology: Use of terms 'bovid', 'bovidae', 'bovine' and 'cattle' (**Annex 20**)
16. Terminology: Use of terms 'enzootic', 'endemic', 'epizootic' and 'epidemic' (**Annex 21**)



User's Guide

(Annex 4)

- **Partial revision** to ensure consistent use of terms: Competent Authority / Veterinary Authority / Veterinary Services (after adoption of revised Glossary definitions in May 2022)
- First circulation in September 2022
- Collaboration with AAHSC (Similar amendments for other chapters will be discussed with the AAHSC's conclusions for the use of corresponding terms in the *Aquatic Code*)

Glossary definition for 'Poultry'

(Annex 5)

- **Partial revision** to exclude populations of pet birds for breeding or selling from the definition.
- First circulation in February 2022
- Circulated 2 times



Infection with foot and mouth disease virus
(Chapter 8.8.)

(Annex 6)

Comprehensive revision including

- development of an article on safe commodities
 - development of an article on direct slaughter of vaccinated animals from free zone
 - development of an article on recommendations for importation of vaccinated animals destined for slaughter from free country/zone/compartiment with vaccination
 - development of articles on recommendations for importation of meats of pigs and domestic small ruminants from infected countries/zones where an official control programme exists
 - Development of an article on procedures for the inactivation of FMDV in swill
 - harmonisation of text with other chapters with official status recognition
- First circulation in September 2015
 - Circulated 4 times
 - Inputs from AHG on foot and mouth disease (June 2016, June 2020)
 - Collaboration with
 - SCAD
 - BSC



Infection with rabies virus (**Articles 8.14.6bis. and 8.14.7.)**
(Annex 7)

Partial revision:

- to amend the provisions for the importation of vaccinated dogs from infected countries or zones (i.e. the reduction in the waiting period from 3 months to 30 days for the importation of vaccinated dogs from infected countries or zones)
 - to add provisions for the implementation of a rabies vaccination programme for dogs
- First circulation in September 2020
 - Circulated 3 times
 - The amendments were recommended by an AHG on rabies (October 2019) & AHG on Dog population management (April 2020)
 - Collaboration with:
 - SCAD
 - WOAHA Rabies Reference Laboratory network



Infection with Rift Valley fever virus
(**Chapter 8.15.**)

(**Annex 8**)

Comprehensive revision mainly to:

- clarify the obligations of Members to notify when there is an epidemic of RVF in an endemic country or zone
- provide further guidance on surveillance to countries on factors that may signal a transition to an epidemic of RVF

- First circulation in February 2019
- Circulated 5 times
- Discussed by AHG on Rift Valley fever (June 2021)
- Collaboration with SCAD

Infection with Newcastle disease virus (**Article 10.9.1.**)

(**Annex 9**)

Partial revision to remove the definition for poultry (which is defined in the Glossary of the *Terrestrial Code*)

- First circulation in February 2022
- Circulated 2 times



Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (**Chapter 11.4.**), Application for official recognition by the OIE of risk status for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (**Chapter 1.8.**) and Glossary definition for 'protein meal' (**Annex 10, 11, 5**)

Chapter 11.4.

Comprehensive revision including:

- revision of general criteria for the determination of the BSE risk and of requirements for negligible and controlled BSE risk status
- revision of recommendations for trade of certain commodities based on a concept that two subpopulations would be differentiated within a negligible or controlled BSE risk country/zone
- revision of recommendations on the trade of the commodities with the greatest BSE infectivity (e.g. delisting of tonsils)
- revised recommendations on surveillance: less prescriptive and cumbersome approach, focused on passive surveillance (removal of point-based surveillance)

Chapter 1.8.

Revision as a consequence of revision of Chapter 11.4.

Glossary definition

Development of a **new definition** for 'protein meal'

- First circulation in September 2019
- Circulated 6 times (proposal for adoption was postponed until the 2023 GS)
- Input from 4 AHG meetings (July 2018 - March 2019) to draft revised chapter
- AHGs meetings discussed comments, assessed potential impacts on official statuses
- Collaboration with:
 - SCAD
 - BSC
- Once adopted, a term 'meat-and-bone meal' will be replaced with 'protein meal' throughout the *Code*.



Contagious equine
metritis (**Chapter 12.2.**)

(Annex 12)

Comprehensive revision including

- Definition of occurrence
- development of new articles (e.g. ones on safe commodities, recommendations for temporary importation of horses, recommendations for importation of semen/oocytes/embryos of horses.)

- First circulation in September 2020
- Circulated 3 times
- Drafted by WOAHA expert Group on CEM (Jul-Dec 2019)
- Collaboration with:
 - SCAD
 - BSC

Infection with equine
influenza virus
(**Chapter 12.6.**)

(Annex 13)

Partial revision including:

- Definition of occurrence
- requirements on importation of equids
- new articles on recovery of free status and temporary importation of horses

- First circulation in February 2019
- Circulated 5 times
- Collaboration with:
 - SCAD
 - BSC
 - WOAHA Reference Laboratory

Equine piroplasmiasis
(**Chapter 12.7.**)

(Annex 14)

Comprehensive revision including

- Definition of occurrence
- development of new articles (e.g. ones on safe commodities, recommendations for temporary importation of horses, recommendations on surveillance.)

- First circulation in September 2020
- Circulated 3 times
- Drafted by WOAHA expert Group on equine piroplasmiasis (Jul-Aug 2019)
- Collaboration with:
 - SCAD
 - BSC



Infection with *Theileria lestoquardi*, *T. luwenshuni* and *T. uilenbergi* (**Chapter 14.X.**) and Diseases, infections and infestations listed by the OIE (**Article 1.3.3.**)

(Annex 15, 16)

New chapter, developed following listing the disease in Chapter 1.3. and development of the corresponding *Manual* chapter

- First circulation in September 2017
- Circulated 3 times
- Drafted by AHG on Theileriosis (Feb 2017)
- Collaboration with:
 - SCAD
 - BSC

Infection with Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (**New Chapter X.X.**)

(Annex 17)

New chapters with a single article for the general provisions, including the definition of its occurrence, to ensure Members have the adequate Standards to fulfill their notification obligations

- First circulation in February 2022
- Circulated 2 times
- Collaboration with SCAD, developed by disease experts

Infection with *Leishmania* spp. (Leishmaniosis) (**New Chapter X.Y.**)

(Annex 18)



Terminology: Use of terms ‘fetal’, ‘foetal’, ‘fetus’ and ‘foetus’

(Annex 19)

To replace ‘foetal/foetus’ with ‘fetal/fetus’ throughout the *Terrestrial Code* (except a pathogen name, i.e. *Tritrichomonos foetus*)

→ Only Article 4.10.3. is revised.

- First circulation in September 2022

Terminology: Use of terms ‘bovid’, ‘bovidae’, ‘bovine’ and ‘cattle’

(Annex 20)

- User’s guide and title of Section 11: to replace ‘Bovidae’ with ‘Bovinae’
- Article 1.3.2.: to replace ‘cattle disease’ with ‘bovine disease’

- First circulation in September 2022
- TAHSC decided:
 - not to use the term ‘cattle’ anymore
 - to base the use of terms on the taxonomical classification
 - to progressively address the rest of chapters

Terminology: Use of terms ‘enzootic’, ‘endemic’, ‘epizootic’ and ‘epidemic’

(Annex 21)

To replace ‘enzootic/epizootic’ with ‘endemic/epidemic’ throughout the *Terrestrial Code* (except some disease names such as enzootic bovine leukosis)

→ Only Articles 4.19.1. and 9.3.1. are revised

- First circulation in September 2022



4. Texts for comment



Texts for comment

7 annexes

1. Collection and processing of semen of animals (Chapter 4.6.) **(Annex 22)**
2. Responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in veterinary medicine (Chapter 6.10.) **(Annex 23)**
3. Infection with *Coxiella burnetii* (Q fever) (New Chapter 8.X.) **(Annex 24)**
4. Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (Chapter 11.5.) **(Annex 25)**
5. Infection with bovine pestiviruses (bovine viral diarrhoea) (New Chapter 11.X.) **(Annex 26)**
6. African horse sickness (Chapter 12.1.) **(Annex 27)**
7. Infection with Camelpox virus (New Chapter X.Z.) **(Annex 28)**



Collection and processing of semen of animals (**Chapter 4.6.**)

(Annex 22)

Comprehensive revision to:

- resolve inconsistencies among the Chapters 4.6. and 4.7. and relevant disease-specific chapters
- ensure that the texts reflect the latest scientific evidence and best practices regarding risk mitigation measures in the collection and processing of semen of animals

- First circulation in September 2022
- Drafted by AHG on the revision of Terrestrial Code chapters regarding the collection and processing of semen of animals (May-July 2021) and an expert

Responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in veterinary medicine (**Chapter 6.10.**)

(Annex 23)

Comprehensive revision following:

- revision adopted in 2018 of some definitions in Chapter 6.9. Monitoring of the quantities and usage patterns of antimicrobial agents used in food-producing animals.
- adoption of revised Codex Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance (adopted at the Codex Alimentarius Commission in 2021)

- First circulation in September 2022
- Drafted by AMRWG (August 2022)



Contagious bovine
pleuropneumonia
(Chapter 11.5.)

(Annex 25)

Comprehensive revision to

- harmonise the chapter with other chapters with official status recognition
- address amendments proposed from an *ad hoc* Group on CBPP and from the SCAD

- First circulation in September 2022
- Some amendments were proposed by an AHG on CBPP (October 2015)
- Collaboration with SCAD

African horse sickness
(Chapter 12.1.)

(Annex 27)

Comprehensive revision to

- harmonise the chapter with other chapters with official status recognition
- address amendments proposed from an *ad hoc* Group on AHS and from the SCAD

- First circulation in September 2015
- Some amendments were proposed by an AHG on AHS (December 2016)
- Collaboration with SCAD



Infection with *Coxiella burnetii* (Q fever)
(New Chapter 8.X.)

(Annex 24)

Infection with bovine pestiviruses (bovine viral diarrhea) **(New Chapter 11.X.)**

(Annex 26)

New chapters with a single article for the general provisions, including the definition of its occurrence, to ensure Members have the adequate Standards to fulfill their notification obligations

- First circulation in September 2022
- Collaboration with SCAD, developed by disease experts

Infection with Camelpox virus **(New Chapter X.Z.)**

(Annex 28)



5. Other key items coming up in the Code Commission's Work Programme



- **Revision of Chapter 7.5.** Slaughter of animals **Already circulated 2 times. Undergoing expert consultation**
- Revision of Chapter 7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes **Undergoing expert consultation. To be circulated soon**
- New chapter on biosecurity **New work initiated. AHG to meet in November 2022**
- Revision of Chapters 5.4. to 5.7. **New work initiated. AHG to meet in November 2022**
- Revision of equine encephalitis chapters **New work agreed. To be launched in 2023**
- Animal Welfare during transport – Chapters 7.2-7.4. **New work agreed. To be launched in 2023**
- New chapter on Surra & revision of Chapter 12.3. Dourine **Undergoing expert consultation. New proposals (different than ones circulated in September 2017) to be circulated soon**

Full work programme in [Annex 3](#)



6. Next steps

Next steps

How to submit comments

What to comment about?



Next steps

Comment

- Submit comments on the September report and its annexes before **30 December 2022**
- Comments should be sent to WOAHA Standards Department at TCC.Secretariat@woah.org

February

TAHSC meeting

- Date: 7 to 17 February 2023



How to submit comments

1. Through the WOAH Delegate of Member Countries or organisations which WOAH has a Cooperative Agreement with;
2. In **Word format** (rather than pdf format), in English, French or Spanish and clearly noting the relevant annex and/or item of the report;
3. Inserted in the annexes and/or report under the text commented;
4. Propose specific text changes, supported by a rationale including scientific references, if relevant;
5. Proposed deletions should be shown using 'strikethrough' and additions using 'double underline'. (please do not use the automatic 'track-changes' function provided by word processing software);
6. The TAHSC strongly encourages Members to provide feedback on its work programme, including submitting **justified** proposals!



What to comment about?

On the annexes

1. To propose additional or alternative science-based provisions to enrich or complement the proposed texts;
2. To express evidence-based concerns on potential challenges for the implementation of the proposed texts under specific conditions or contexts (e.g., Members, regions, species), if possible, providing a proposal for improvement of the text;
3. To provide new or different evidence that contradicts the proposed texts (which has not been previously addressed by Commissions or experts);
4. Wording issues which could compromise the understanding or the meaning of the texts (in any of the three languages);

On the work programme

1. To express needs for new work to be undertaken, providing evidence to support it, when possible.
2. To discuss and provide the necessary elements to support the prioritization of work.



7. For your information

- access point to previous editions of the *Terrestrial Code*

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Codes and Manuals

→ Terrestrial Animal Health Code
Previous editions

In this page,

- You can download the previous editions
- You can know when a chapter was added/amended/deleted
- You can find a reference document which describes the backgrounds of the addition/amendment/deletion

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