

Resolutions

**adopted by the International Committee of the OIE
during its 73rd General Session**

22 – 27 May 2005

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RESOLUTION No. I

Approval of the Annual Report of the Director General on the Activities of the OIE in 2004 and the Report on the Animal Disease Status World-wide in 2004 and the Beginning of 2005

In accordance with Article 6 of the Organic Rules of the OIE,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

to approve the Annual Report of the Director General on the Activities of the OIE in 2004 (73 SG/1) and the Report on the Animal Disease Status World-wide in 2004 and the beginning of 2005 (73 SG/2).

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. II

**Approval of the Report of the Director General on the Management, Activities
and Administrative Work of the OIE in 2004**

In accordance with Article 6 of the Organic Rules of the OIE,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

to approve the Report of the Director General on the Management, Activities and Administrative Work of the OIE during the 78th Financial Year (1 January – 31 December 2004) (73 SG/3).

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. III

**Approval of the Financial Report for the 78th Financial Year of the OIE
(1 January – 31 December 2004)**

In application of Article 15 of the Internal Statutes and Article 6 of the Organic Rules of the OIE,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

to approve the Financial Report for the 78th Financial Year of the OIE (1 January – 31 December 2004) (73 SG/4).

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. IV

**Budgetary Income and Expenses for the 80th Financial Year of the OIE
(1 January – 31 December 2006)**

Reserved on Delegates

RESOLUTION No. V

Financial Contributions from OIE Member Countries for 2006

Reserved on Delegates

RESOLUTION No. VI

**Authorisation to transfer part of the surplus of the 78th Financial Year
of the OIE to the 2005 budget**

Reserved on Delegates

RESOLUTION No. VII

Renewal of the Appointment of the External Auditor

In accordance with Article 12.1. of the Financial Regulations concerning the appointment of the External Auditor and the renewal of her mandate,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

To renew for a period of one year (2005) the mandate of Ms Marie-Pierre Cordier as OIE External Auditor.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. VIII

**Acknowledgements to the Governments and Regional Organisations of Member Countries
that made Voluntary Contributions or Subsidies to the OIE, or participated in the Organisation
of OIE Meetings**

Having noted the voluntary contributions or subsidies received by the OIE in 2004,

THE COMMITTEE

REQUESTS

The Director General to sincerely thank the Governments of:

1. Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Cyprus, France, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Lithuania, New Zealand, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Vietnam and the European Commission for their voluntary contributions or subsidies to the execution of the programmes of the OIE in 2004.
2. Brazil, Cambodia, Egypt, Honduras, Japan, Laos, the Lebanon, Nepal, Panama, Poland, Serbia and Montenegro, Spain, Taipei China, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates for their participation in the organisation of OIE regional conferences, seminars and workshops that were held during 2004.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. IX

Work Programme for 2006

CONSIDERING

The examination and approval of the Third Strategic Plan by the International Committee during its 68th General Session in May 2000,

The OIE Draft Fourth Strategic Plan 2006-2010,

Resolution No. IX adopted by the International Committee during the 69th General Session in May 2001,

THE COMMITTEE, ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

1. DECIDES

To approve the 2006 Work Programme prepared by the Director General and to revise this programme, if necessary, in May 2006, according to the orientations of the 2006-2010 Work Programme, in compliance with the Fourth Strategic Plan.

2. RECOMMENDS THAT

Member Countries provide the necessary support to allow the Work Programme to be carried out, in the form of payment of both regular contributions and voluntary contributions or subsidies when possible.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. X

Fourth Strategic Plan

Considering the document 73 SG/24 that presents the draft Fourth Strategic Plan of the OIE, established for the 2006-2010 period

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the Fourth Strategic Plan of the OIE

ASKS

The Director General to prepare:

- A Work Programme for the 2006-2010 period, in compliance with the Fourth Strategic Plan of the OIE, which will be submitted to the approval of the Committee in May 2006
- Annual work programmes, based on the guidelines of this Work Programme, with the corresponding budgets and contribution mechanisms, which will be submitted every year to the approval of the Committee

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XI

Appointment of the Director General

Taking note of the Basic Texts of the OIE, particularly Article 8 of the Organic Statutes, and Article 29 of the General Rules

CONSIDERING

The result of the election that took place on 25 May 2005

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To appoint Dr Bernard Vallat as Director General of the OIE for a period of five years, beginning on 1 January 2006.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XII

**Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
and the Permanent Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone (CVP)**

CONSIDERING

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that cooperation be established between the Office International des Epizooties and the Permanent Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone

The Agreement between the two organisations approved following the deliberations of the Administrative Commission on 25 February 2005 and signed by the Director General (73 SG/19),

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this document and its signature by the Director General on behalf of the OIE.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XIII

**Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC)**

CONSIDERING

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that cooperation be established between the Office International des Epizooties and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre

The Agreement between the two organisations approved following the deliberations of the Administrative Commission on 25 February 2005 and signed by the Director General (73 SG/20),

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this document and its signature by the Director General on behalf of the OIE.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XIV

**Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)**

CONSIDERING

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that cooperation be established between the Office International des Epizooties and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

The Agreement between the two organisations approved following the deliberations of the Administrative Commission on 25 February 2005 (73SG/21),

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this document and its signature by the Director General on behalf of the OIE.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XV

**Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)**

CONSIDERING

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that cooperation be established between the Office International des Epizooties and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

The Agreement between the two organisations approved following the deliberations of the Administrative Commission on 25 February 2005 (73 SG/22),

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this document and its signature by the Director General on behalf of the OIE.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XVI

**Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP)**

CONSIDERING

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, to extend the field of application of the agreement between the OIE and the IFAP,

The agreement between the two organisations approved following the deliberations of the Administrative Commission on 25 February 2005 (73 SG/23),

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this Appendix of Agreement and its signature by the Director General on behalf of the OIE.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XVII

Resolution authorising the Director General of the OIE to propose, in May 2006, a new mechanism, in order to allow the Central Bureau and the Regional Representations to implement the global and regional activities planned by the Fourth Strategic Plan of the OIE

The International Committee of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

TAKING NOTE of the growing importance of the missions of the Central Bureau and of the Regional Representations, in particular regarding the Fourth Strategic Plan for 2006-2010;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the convenience of raising the contributions of the general budget of the OIE for the financing of the activities of the Central Bureau and of the Regional Representations, and the need to liberate resources for this purpose;

DESIRING TO ensure the coordination and facilitating the development of the activities of the Regional Representations of the OIE;

ESTIMATING, consequently, the convenience of inviting the Director General of the OIE, being in charge of implementing the OIE budget, to propose to the International Committee for the following budgetary year, an increase in the contributions of Member Countries as well as the principles and modalities of their allocation to the financing of the activities of the Central Bureau and of the Regional Representations, actually financed exclusively by the voluntary contributions of some countries, particularly the host countries;

CONSIDERING, that according to the estimates of the Fourth Strategic Plan the product of the increase in contributions should be assigned by halves to the operating expenses of the Central Bureau and of the Regional Representations, respectively;

CONSIDERING, that the convenience of taking into account that the part of the contributions assigned to the Regional Representations will only be based on the contributions effectively paid by the Member Countries;

GIVEN the Organic Rules of the OIE, and in particular articles 13 and 14;

GIVEN the General Rules of the OIE, and in particular chapter III and articles 31, 34, 46, 49 and 50;

GIVEN the Financial Regulations of the OIE, and in particular article 3

GIVEN the Fourth Strategic Plan

REQUESTS MEMBER COUNTRIES

Including those already making voluntary contributions for the benefit of regional or global activities of the OIE, to apply the provisions of Article 14 of the Organic Rules, notably those relating to annual complementary contributions.

REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE OIE

1. To prepare the budgetary provisions, in accordance with article 3 of the Financial Regulations, so that additional resources are available for the financing of activities of the Central Bureau and of the Regional Representations, in the aim of allowing the implementation of the Fourth Strategic Plan of the OIE.

2. For this purpose, to request and collect the financial contributions of Member States, in compliance with article 31 of the General Rules, including the complementary annual contribution established by the Committee, in compliance with article 14 of the Organic Rules, on the basis of the annual contribution of each Member State.
3. To submit to the International Committee the above propositions, for their examination and adoption, during the 74th General Session – May 2006.
4. To assign, in such case, the complementary resources, in equal proportion, for the financing of the activities of the Central Bureau and of the Regional Representations, taking note of article 5 below.
5. To assign the portion of these resources for the Regional Representations, only on the basis of the contributions effectively paid by the contributing countries of each Regional Commission.
6. That the Regional part of the contribution of countries linked to two or more Regional Commissions will be assigned to the Regional Representation to which the Member Country belonged at the time of its accession to the OIE.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XVIII

Amendments to the *Aquatic Animal Health Code*

CONSIDERING

1. The present content of the Aquatic Animal Health Code (the *Aquatic Code*), which is the result of modifications made by the International Committee during previous General Sessions,
2. The necessity to update the *Aquatic Code* in accordance with the recommendations in the January 2005 report of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (Appendices III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, X and XI of Document 73 SG/12/CS4 B), after consultation with the Delegates of the Member Countries,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

1. To adopt the updates to the *Aquatic Code* proposed in Appendices III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, X and XI, of Document 73 SG/12/CS4 B in English, French and Spanish, each text being authentic, with the following modifications:

1.1. In Appendix III (Chapter 1.1.1.)

in Article 1.1.1.1.

- a) replace the definition of “Aquaculture activities” with the definition of “Aquaculture”. The definition of “Aquaculture” reads: “The farming of *aquatic animals* with some sort of intervention in the rearing process to enhance production, such as regular stocking, feeding, protection from predators, etc.”.

1.2. In Appendix IV (Chapter 1.1.2.)

in Article 1.1.2.2.

- a) at the end of the 1st paragraph add the words “(1 or 2, and 3 or 4.)”;
- b) at the end of criterion 4 add the words “of wild or cultured *aquatic animals*.”;
- c) at the end of the explanatory notes for criterion 4 replace the words “national or multinational (zonal or regional) level.” with “*zone, compartment* or country level. “Naïve” means animals previously unexposed either to a new disease or a new form of a known disease.”;

in Article 1.1.2.3

- a) delete the 4th criterion for immediate notification of aquatic animal diseases.

1.3. In Appendix V (Chapter 1.1.3.)

in Article 1.1.3.2.

- a) add the words “[under study]” after “Infection with *Mikrocytos mackini*”;
- b) add the words “[listing under study]” after “Infection with *Perkinsus olsen*”;

in Article 1.1.3.3.

- a) add the words “[under study]” after “Necrotising hepatopancreatitis”;
- b) add the words “[under study]” after “Infectious myonecrosis”;

1.4. In Appendix VII (Chapter 1.2.1.)

in Article 1.2.1.3.

- a) delete point 1-d);

in Article 1.2.1.4.

- a) in point 1) replace the word “*territory*” with the word “country”;
- b) in point 2) delete the word “determined”;
- c) in point 3) replace the words “A country may *declare itself free* again from a specific *disease* when it can show that all the conditions given in the corresponding chapters of Parts 2, 3 or 4 of this *Aquatic Code* have been implemented fulfilled.” with the words “A country may again declare itself free (i.e. *self declaration of freedom from disease*) from a specific *disease* when it complies with all the conditions given in the corresponding chapters of Parts 2, 3 or 4 of this *Aquatic Code*. ”;
- d) in point 4) replace the words “The *Veterinary Administration* of a country that sets up one or several *free zones* or *compartments* shall inform the OIE, giving necessary particulars of the *zones* or *compartments* and describing their location (e.g. by a map or other precise locators such as GPS co-ordinates).” with the words “The *Veterinary Administration* of a country in which one or more *free zones* or *compartments* have been established may wish to inform the *Central Bureau*, giving necessary particulars of the *zones* or *compartments* and describing their location (e.g. by a map or other precise locators such as GPS co-ordinates). The *Central Bureau* may publish this information.”;

1.5. In Appendix VIII (Chapter 3.1.5.)

in Article 3.1.5.1.

- a) at the beginning of the Article add the words “For the purposes of this *Aquatic Code*, infection with *Marteilia refringens* means infection only with *Marteilia refringens*.”;

in Article 3.1.5.2.

- a) in the first paragraph delete the words “*Ostrea* species, in particular the”;

in Article 3.1.5.4.

- a) in point 4-b) replace the words “a *stamping-out policy* has been implemented in the *infected zone*” with the words “infected populations have been destroyed or removed from the *infected zone* by means that minimise the risk of further spread of the *disease*.”;

in Article 3.1.5.5.

- a) in point 4-b) replace the words “a *stamping-out policy* has been implemented in the *infected zone*” with the words “infected populations have been destroyed or removed from the *infected zone* by means that minimise the risk of further spread of the *disease*.”.

1.6. In Appendix IX (Chapter 4.1.2.)

in Article 4.1.2.4.

- a) in point 4-b) replace the words “a *stamping-out policy* has been implemented in the *infected zone*” with the words “infected populations have been destroyed or removed from the *infected zone* by means that minimise the risk of further spread of the *disease*.”;

in Article 4.1.2.5.

- a) in point 4-b) replace the words “a *stamping-out policy* has been implemented in the *infected zone*” with the words “infected populations have been destroyed or removed from the *infected zone* by means that minimise the risk of further spread of the *disease*.”.

1.6. In Appendix X (Chapter 2.1.1.)

in Article 2.1.1.4.

- a) in point 4-b) replace the words “a *stamping-out policy* has been implemented in the *infected zone*” with the words “infected populations have been destroyed or removed from the *infected zone* by means that minimise the risk of further spread of the *disease*.”;

in Article 2.1.1.5.

- a) in point 4-b) replace the words “a *stamping-out policy* has been implemented in the *infected zone*” with the words “infected populations have been destroyed or removed from the *infected zone* by means that minimise the risk of further spread of the *disease*.”;

in Article 2.1.1.11.

- a) in the Spanish text only, in the 1st paragraph, 3rd line, after the word “*compartimento*” add the words “no declarado”.

2. To ask the Director General to publish the adopted texts in a revised edition of the *Aquatic Code*.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XIX

**Adoption of seven draft chapters for the
*Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals***

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*, like the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*, is an important contribution to the international harmonisation and promotion of trade in animals and animal products,
2. The *Terrestrial Manual* is entirely revised approximately every four years. It is the intention of the Biological Standards Commission that, following approval of changes by the International Committee, the Web version of the *Terrestrial Manual* will be updated on an annual basis,
3. Member Countries have been asked for the contributions of their specialists for the proposed seven new or revised chapters of the *Terrestrial Manual* before it is finalised by the Biological Standards Commission,
4. All chapters for the revised edition have been sent to Member Countries and the Biological Standards Commission will address any pending comments,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

To adopt the seven updated chapters of the *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 26 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XX

Recognition of the Foot and Mouth Disease Status of Member Countries

CONSIDERING THAT

1. During the 63rd General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolutions XI and XII, 'Establishment of a list of foot and mouth disease (FMD) free countries where vaccination is not practised', and 'Procedure for the recognition of the foot and mouth disease status of Member Countries', respectively,
2. During the 64th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XII, which asks that the Director General publish a list of the countries or zones within national territories that fulfil the criteria of one of the FMD free categories described in Chapter 2.2.10 of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (the *Terrestrial Code*),
3. The Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (the Scientific Commission) has continued to apply the procedure approved by the International Committee, and has supported the recognition of the FMD free status of additional countries and zones within national territories for annual adoption of the list by the International Committee,
4. Recommendations of the Scientific Commission regarding the evaluation of countries as being free from foot and mouth disease have been submitted to Member Countries for comments as outlined in Resolution XVI, which was adopted during the 67th General Session of the International Committee,
5. The Scientific Commission proposed that an updated list of countries and zones previously recognised as free from foot and mouth disease and those newly proposed by the Scientific Commission in consultation with Member Countries be annually adopted by resolution,
6. During the 65th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XII, which stated that the Delegates of Member Countries where countries or zones within their national territories are recognised as FMD free, annually confirm by letter during the month of November that their FMD status and the criteria by which that status was recognised have remained unchanged,
7. During the 65th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XVII delegating to the Scientific Commission the authority to recognise, without further International Committee consultation, that a Member Country or zone within its territory has regained its previously recognised FMD free status following outbreaks that are eradicated in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 2.2.10. of the *Terrestrial Code*,
8. During the 71st General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XXI delegating to the Scientific Commission the authority to recognise, without further International Committee consultation, an FMD free zone created following outbreaks within a Member Country or its territory in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapters 1.3.5. and 2.2.10. of the *Terrestrial Code*.
9. During the 70th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XVIII asking Member Countries applying for evaluation for freedom from FMD to meet part of the costs sustained by the OIE Central Bureau in the evaluation process,

10. Information published by the OIE is derived from declarations made by the official Veterinary Services of Member Countries. The OIE is not responsible for inaccurate publication of country disease status based on inaccurate information or changes in epidemiological status or other significant events that were not promptly reported to the Central Bureau subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

That the Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as FMD free countries where vaccination is not practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 2.2.10. of the *Terrestrial Code*¹:

Albania	Germany	Netherlands
Australia	Greece	New Caledonia
Austria	Guatemala	New Zealand
Belgium	Guyana	Nicaragua
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Honduras	Norway
Bulgaria	Hungary	Panama
Canada	Iceland	Poland
Chile	Indonesia	Portugal
Costa Rica	Ireland	Romania
Croatia	Italy	Singapore
Cuba	Japan	Slovakia
Cyprus	Korea (Rep. of)	Slovenia
Czech Rep.	Latvia	Spain
Denmark	Lithuania	Sweden
El Salvador	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Estonia	Madagascar	Ukraine
Finland	Malta	United Kingdom
Former Yug. Rep. of Macedonia	Mauritius	United States of America
France	Mexico	Vanuatu

AND

That the Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as FMD free countries where vaccination is practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 2.2.10. of the *Terrestrial Code*¹:

Taipei China Paraguay and Uruguay

AND

That the Director General publish the following list of Member Countries as having an FMD free zone where vaccination is not practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 2.1.1. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Argentina: zone situated south of the 42° parallel;

Botswana: zone designated by the Delegate of Botswana in documents addressed to the Director General on 24 July 2003;

¹ For information on the status of non-contiguous territories of Member Countries recognised as FMD free, please address enquiries to that country's Delegate or to the Director General

- Colombia: Northwest region of Choco Department;
- Malaysia: zones of Sabah and Sarawak designated by the Delegate of Malaysia in a document addressed to the Director General on 15 December 2003;
- Namibia: zone designated by the Delegate of Namibia in a document addressed to the Director General on 6 February 1997;
- Peru: one zone as designated by the Delegate of Peru in a document addressed to the Director General in December 2004.
- Philippines: Mindanao, Visayas, Palawan and Masbate;
- South Africa: zone designated by the Delegate of South Africa in a document addressed to the Director General in May 2002;

AND

That the Director General publish the following list of Member Countries as having FMD free zones where vaccination is practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 2.2.10. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

- Argentina: Zone situated above the 42° parallel;
- Bolivia: zone of Chiquitania designated by the Delegate of Bolivia in documents addressed to the Director General on January 2003;
- Brazil: States of Acre along with two adjacent municipalities of Amazon state, Bahia, Espírito Santo, Goiás, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Minas Gerais, Paraná, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, São Paulo, Sergipe, Tocantins, the Federal District, and Rondonia;
- Colombia: zone designated by the Delegate of Colombia in documents addressed to the Director General on January 2003 and two zones designated by the Delegate in documents addressed to the Director General in December 2004.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XXI

Recognition of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Status of Member Countries

CONSIDERING THAT

1. During the 69th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XV, asking Member Countries that wish to be evaluated for conformation with the requirements of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (the *Terrestrial Code*) for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) free status to submit a formal application to the Director General of the OIE for consideration by the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (Scientific Commission),
2. An Ad hoc Group of experts on BSE (OIE Ad hoc Group for Evaluation of Country Submissions for Recognition as Complying with the *Terrestrial Code* as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Free) has been set up by the OIE and the Group has developed guidelines to facilitate the submission of data by Member Countries in accordance with the requirements in the current edition of the *Terrestrial Code*,
3. During the 70th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XVIII asking Member Countries applying for this evaluation to meet part of the costs sustained by the OIE Central Bureau in the evaluation process,
4. During the 71st General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XXII authorising the Scientific Commission to also evaluate submissions for provisional freedom from BSE in accordance with Article 2.3.13.4 of the *Terrestrial Code*,
5. The Ad hoc Group has already examined submissions from several countries and made appropriate recommendations that have been endorsed by the Scientific Commission
6. These recommendations have been submitted to Member Countries for comments as outlined in Resolution No. XVI, which was adopted during the 67th General Session of the International Committee for foot and mouth disease (FMD),
7. During the 72nd General Session, the OIE International Committee adopted Resolution No. XX asking the Director General to establish a list of countries or zones recognised by the OIE as BSE 'free' and 'provisionally free' in accordance with Chapter 2.3.13 of the *Terrestrial Code*. This list should be updated as and when new countries are approved by the International Committee and shall be adopted annually by resolution.
8. During the 72nd General Session, the OIE adopted Resolution No. XX asking the Director General to inform Delegates of Member Countries whose countries or zones within their national territories are recognised as 'free' or 'provisionally free' from BSE that they should annually confirm by letter during the month of November whether their status and the criteria by which their status was recognised have remained unchanged. The list of countries or zones will be published free of charge by the OIE.
9. Information published by the OIE is derived from appropriate declarations made by the official Veterinary Services of Member Countries. The OIE is not responsible for inaccurate publication of country disease status based on inaccurate information or changes in epidemiological status or other significant events that were not promptly reported to the Central Bureau,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES THAT

The Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases continue to examine the dossiers of applicant countries in accordance with Chapter 2.3.13 of the 13th edition of the *Terrestrial Code* (2004), until one year after a new BSE chapter (describing three categories of BSE country status) and its complementary surveillance appendix are adopted by the International Committee.

Countries having already submitted dossiers for the evaluation of country status need not pay any additional costs should they have to renew their applications.

In future, applications from countries may take into account the requirements of the new BSE Chapter and its complementary surveillance guidelines if these are adopted.

The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as 'provisionally free' from BSE in accordance with Chapter 2.3.13 of the 13th edition of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Argentina, Iceland, Singapore and Uruguay.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XXII

**Recognition of Member Countries Free Status from Rinderpest Infection
and Rinderpest Disease**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. During the 63rd General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XIV 'Establishment of a list of countries that are free of rinderpest',
2. During the 68th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XIII designating a baseline list of Member Countries that were free from rinderpest infection. The countries included in the list certified that they met the requirements specified in Chapter 2.3.14. of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (the *Terrestrial Code*),
3. The OIE has also developed a list of countries that are considered to be free from rinderpest disease in accordance with Chapter 2.3.14. of the *Terrestrial Code*,
4. Recommendations of the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (the Scientific Commission) regarding countries that are evaluated as free from rinderpest disease and from rinderpest infection have been submitted to Member Countries for comments as outlined in Resolution XVI which was adopted during the 67th General Session of the International Committee,
5. The Scientific Commission has continued to apply the procedure approved by the International committee and has supported the recognition of countries and zones as free from rinderpest disease and rinderpest infection for annual adoption of the list by the International Committee,
6. During the 71st General Session, the Scientific Commission proposed that Member Countries so recognised reconfirm annually whether their rinderpest status as well as the conditions under which such status was granted have remained unchanged and that this annual reconfirmation would be a requirement for maintaining OIE recognition,
7. During the 70th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XVIII resolving that most of the costs incurred by the OIE Central Bureau in the evaluation of country applications for obtaining the free status with respect to rinderpest disease or rinderpest infection would be recovered whenever possible from sources other than the applicant countries,
8. Information published by the OIE is derived from appropriate declarations made by the official Veterinary Services of Member Countries. The OIE is not responsible for inaccurate publication of country disease status based on inaccurate information or changes in epidemiological status or other significant events that were not promptly reported to the Central Bureau subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom from disease or infection,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

That the Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as free from rinderpest infection, according to the provisions of Chapter 2.3.14. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Albania	Germany	New Caledonia
Algeria	Greece	New Zealand
Andorra	Guatemala	Norway
Argentina	Guyana	Panama
Australia	Honduras	Paraguay
Austria	Hungary	Peru
Barbados	Iceland	Philippines
Benin	Indonesia	Poland
Belgium	Ireland	Portugal
Bhutan	Italy	Romania
Bolivia	Jamaica	Senegal
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Singapore
Botswana	Korea (Rep. of)	Slovakia
Brazil	Laos	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Latvia	South Africa
Canada	Lesotho	Spain
Chile	Lithuania	Swaziland
Colombia	Luxembourg	Sweden
Costa Rica	Madagascar	Switzerland
Croatia	Malawi	Thailand
Cuba	Malaysia	Taipei China
Cyprus	Malta	Togo
Czech Rep.	Mauritius	Trinidad and Tobago
Denmark	Mexico	Tunisia
Ecuador	Moldavia	Turkey
El Salvador	Mongolia	Ukraine
Eritrea	Morocco	United Kingdom
Estonia	Namibia	United States of America
Finland	Nepal	Uruguay
Former Yug. Rep. of Macedonia	Netherlands	Vanuatu
France		Venezuela
		Vietnam
		Zimbabwe

That the Director General publish the following list of Member Countries as being free from rinderpest disease according to the provisions of Chapter 2.3.14. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Burkina Faso	Ghana	Mali	Nigeria
Chad ¹	Guinea	Mauritania	Tanzania
Cote d'Ivoire	India	Myanmar	
Egypt	Lebanon	Niger	

¹ Zone designated by the Delegate of Chad in documents addressed to the Director General on December 2003

That the Director General publish the following list of Member Countries having zones designated by their respective Delegates as free from rinderpest disease according to the provisions of Chapter 2.3.14. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Ethiopia: zone designated by the Delegate of Ethiopia in a document addressed to the Director General in July 2004

Sudan: zone designated by the Delegate of Sudan in a document addressed to the Director General in October 2004

AND

That the Delegates of Member Countries whose countries or zones within their national territories are recognised as rinderpest infection or rinderpest disease free, annually reconfirm by letter in November of each year that both their status and the criteria by which such status was recognised have remained unchanged. It is understood that these Delegates will immediately notify the Central Bureau if rinderpest infection or disease occur in their countries or zones within their territories.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XXIII

Recognition of the Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia Status of Member Countries

CONSIDERING THAT

1. Appendix 3.8.3 of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (the *Terrestrial Code*) provides for a pathway for Member Countries to be declared free from contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) by the OIE if an application including supporting data as outlined in Appendix 3.8.3 of the *Code* is submitted to the OIE. The *Terrestrial Code* also provides a procedure for the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (the Scientific Commission) to review these applications and report its recommendations to the International Committee,
2. During the 71st General Session, the International Committee approved Resolution XXIV regarding the recognition of the CBPP status of specific Member Countries,
3. Appendix 3.8.3 contains provisions for countries or zones within their territories that are continuously free from CBPP for at least 10 years and meet the relevant requirements of Appendix 3.8.3 for “freedom from CBPP” in that a) no vaccination has been carried out for at least 10 years, b) throughout that period there has been no clinical or pathological evidence of CBPP infection, c) throughout that period a permanent adequate disease surveillance and reporting system has been and is still in place covering all susceptible domestic livestock, and d) in appropriate circumstances, use of diagnostic procedures capable of differentiating *Mycoplasma mycoides* from other bovine *Mycoplasma* infections in the investigation of respiratory disease has been made, with findings consistent with freedom from *M. mycoides* infection, may be declared free from CBPP by the Scientific Commission without the necessity to proceed through the normal intermediate steps detailed in Appendix 3.8.3 of the *Terrestrial Code*,
4. During the 70th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XVIII asking Member Countries applying for evaluation for freedom from CBPP to meet part of the costs sustained by the OIE Central Bureau in the evaluation process,
5. During the 72nd General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XXIII asked the OIE Director General to establish a list of countries or zones free from CBPP with or without vaccination and include in that list countries already recognised free of CBPP by the OIE.
6. The Scientific Commission continue to apply the procedure approved by the International Committee with respect to the recognition of disease free status and support the recognition of the CBPP free status of additional countries and zones within national territories for annual adoption of the list by the International Committee.
7. An updated list of countries and zones previously recognised as free from CBPP and those newly proposed by the Scientific Commission after consultation of Member Countries will be annually adopted by resolution.
8. Member Countries recognise that information published by the OIE is derived from appropriate declarations made by the official Veterinary Services of Member Countries. The OIE is not responsible for inaccurate publication of country disease status based on inaccurate information or changes in epidemiological status or other significant events that were not promptly reported to the Central Bureau subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as free from CBPP without vaccination according to the provisions of Appendix 3.8.3 of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Botswana, Portugal and Switzerland

2. The Delegates of Member Countries whose countries or zones within their national territories are recognised as free from CBPP reconfirm by letter in November of each year that both their status and the criteria by which such status was recognised have remained unchanged. It is understood that these Delegates will immediately notify the Central Bureau if CBPP occurs in their countries or in zones within their territories.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XXIV

Animal Production Food Safety

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The Director General has established a permanent Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety, which has met again in 2005, and has drafted a work programme for 2005/2006,
2. The Working Group has developed various texts relating to minimizing the risks from hazards arising from animals at the farm level, including guidelines for 'Good Farming Practices' and a paper on the 'Role and functionality of Veterinary Services throughout the food chain', modified versions of which may form part of the *Terrestrial Code*,
3. The Working Group is developing a paper on the control of hazards of public and animal health importance through ante- and post-mortem inspection, intended to provide guidance to veterinary services,
4. The OIE and the Codex Alimentarius Commission have continued to work together to ensure animal production food safety standards being developed by either party take a whole of food chain approach to addressing food safety, and ensure as much consistency as possible with each others work

THE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Director General maintains the Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety to advise him as well as the relevant Specialist Commissions on OIE activities in the area of animal production food safety.
2. The Working Group's 2005/2006 work programme be a guide for the OIE's activities on animal production food safety for the next 12 months, and the Working Group be provided with the necessary resources to address the priorities listed.
3. Of the priorities listed in the work programme, the Working Group gives special attention to its work on animal identification and traceability, and to drafting a text dealing with *Salmonella* Enteritidis in eggs, for consideration by the International Committee.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XXV

Animal Welfare

CONSIDERING THAT

1. Animal welfare is a complex, multi-faceted public policy issue which includes important scientific, ethical and economic dimensions,
2. The Director General has established a permanent Working Group on Animal Welfare, which draws up a detailed annual work programme
3. The Working Group's 2005/2006 work programme has identified list of selected priority topics for future OIE involvement,
4. Work on developing guidelines for the four initial priority topics has been completed and they have been recommended for adoption,
5. The active involvement of all OIE Member Countries, and close interaction with international stakeholders (scientific, private sector and NGO), will be essential to the success of the initiative,

THE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Director General maintain the Working Group on Animal Welfare to advise him, and the Terrestrial and Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission, on OIE activities in the field of animal welfare,
2. The Working Group's 2005/2006 work programme be a basis for the OIE's activities on animal welfare for the next 12 months, and the Working Group be provided with the necessary resources to address the selected strategic priorities,
3. Veterinary Services be actively involved in the preparation, review and implementation of animal welfare guidelines, regulations and legislation in their countries, based on the adopted OIE standards,
4. All OIE Member Countries play an active role in their Regions with all relevant partners in promoting this OIE initiative,
5. The OIE Headquarters and the Working Group continue to build strategic relationships with key international stakeholders willing to contribute expertise and resources to this OIE initiative,

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XXVI

Amendments to the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*

CONSIDERING

1. The present content of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (the *Terrestrial Code*), which is the result of modifications made by the International Committee during previous General Sessions,
2. The necessity to update the *Terrestrial Code* in accordance with the recommendations in the January 2005 report of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Appendices III to XXII of Document 73 SG/12/CS1), after consultation with the Delegates of the Member Countries,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

1. To adopt the updates to the *Terrestrial Code* proposed in Appendices III to XXII of Document 73 SG/12/CS1 in English, French and Spanish, each text being authentic, with the following modifications:
 - 1.1. In Appendix III (Chapter 1.1.1.)

in the definition of *Epidemiological unit*

 - a) replace the words “dipping tank system” with the words “animal handling facility”
 - 1.2. In Appendix IV (Chapter 1.3.5.)
 - in Article 1.3.5.1.
 - a) at the end of the 2nd paragraph add the words “, including biosecurity management”
 - in Article 1.3.5.2.
 - a) in the 3rd paragraph, replace the words “An exporting country which is establishing a zone or compartment within its territory for international trade purposes should clearly define the subpopulation in accordance with the measures stipulated in the relevant Chapters in the *Terrestrial Code* and should be able to explain to an importing country” with the words “The Veterinary Services of an exporting country which is establishing a zone or compartment within its territory for international trade purposes should clearly define the subpopulation in accordance with the measures stipulated in the relevant Chapters in the *Terrestrial Code* and should be able to explain to the Veterinary Services of an importing country”

- b) in the final paragraph, replace the words “An *importing country* should recognise the existence of this *zone* or *compartment* and accept the application of the appropriate measures recommended in the *Terrestrial Code* corresponding to the *animal health status* of the *zone* or *compartment* with regard to the importation, or transit through its territory, of *commodities* from the *zone* or *compartment*.” with the words “An *importing country* should recognise the existence of this *zone* or *compartment* when the appropriate measures recommended in the *Terrestrial Code* are applied.”

in Article 1.3.5.4.

- a) in point 4), insert the words “biosecurity management, animal husbandry practices”, after the words “environmental factors,”;

in Article 1.3.5.5.

- a) in the chapeau, replace the words “trading partners choose” with the words “the veterinary services of importing and exporting countries choose and implement”;
- b) in point 2)a), replace the words “an animal subpopulation with a distinct health status with respect to a specific disease/specific diseases” with the words “an identifiable animal subpopulation with a distinct health status with respect to a specific disease/specific diseases; and that this status is maintained through a partnership between the relevant enterprise/industry and the veterinary services of the exporting country”;
- c) in point 2)b), delete the word “jointly”.

1.3. In Appendix V (Appendix 3.8.1.)

in Article 3.8.1.2.

- a) in the 3th sentence of the definition of “Confidence”, delete the word “our”;

in Article 3.8.1.3.

- a) in the 1st sub-point of point 1)b)i), delete the word “random”;
- b) at the end of the 3rd sentence of the 1st paragraph of point 2)f), add the words “and predictive values”; and replace the words “Therefore, predictive values of the test should, whenever possible, be taken into account in the design of surveillance systems and analysis of surveillance data.” with the words “Therefore, these parameters should be taken into account in the design of surveillance systems and analysis of surveillance data.”;
- d) in the 3rd paragraph of point 2)f), replace the words “single test” with the words “testing protocol”;

in Article 3.8.1.4.

- a) in point 1)b), add the words “systematic sampling” in a new sub-point;
- b) delete the title “2) Systematic selection”;

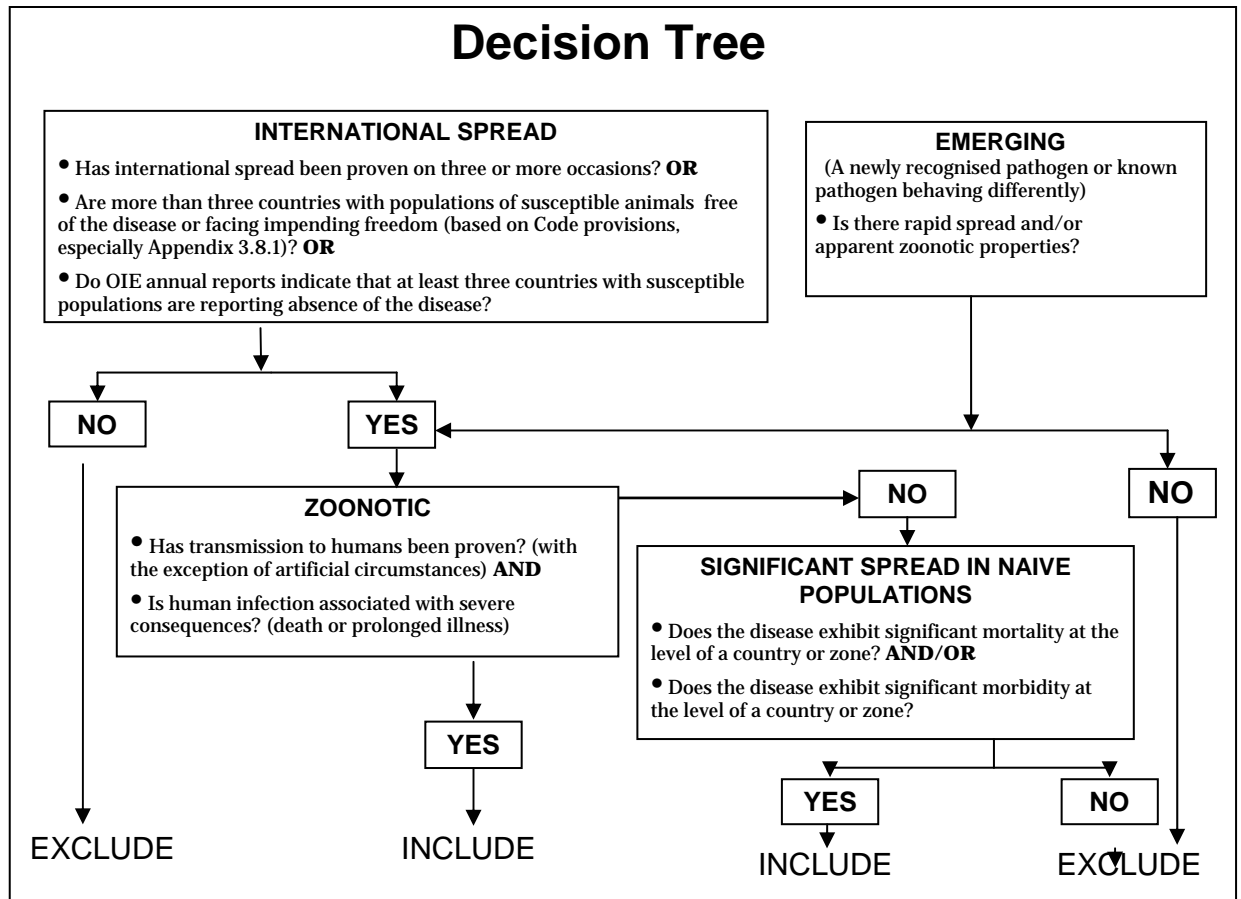
in Article 3.8.1.6.

- a) at the end of the 3rd paragraph of point 4), add the words “unless otherwise stated in the relevant disease Chapter”.

1.4. In Appendix VI (Chapter 2.1.1.)

in Article 2.1.1.2.

- a) replace the decision-making model with the following figure.



- b) retain the disease fowl cholera in the category of avian diseases.

1.5. In Appendix VII (Chapter 2.2.10.)

in Article 2.2.10.4.

- a) in the 1st paragraph, replace the words “The animals in the FMD free zone should be protected” with the words “Susceptible animals in the FMD free zone should be separated”;
- b) at the end of point 4)b), add the words “if applicable”;
- c) in point 4)c), insert the words “control of” after the word “including”;

in Article 2.2.10.5.

- a) in the 1st paragraph, replace the words “The animals in the free zone where vaccination is practised should be protected” with the words “Susceptible animals in the free zone where vaccination is practised should be separated”;

in Article 2.2.10.20.

- a) in the title, insert the words “(*Bubalus bubalus*)” after the word “buffalo”;

in Article 2.2.10.22.

- a) in the title, replace the word “bovines” with the words “cattle and buffalo”.

1.6. In Appendix IX (Chapter 2.2.13.)

in Article 2.2.13.2.

- a) in point 1)b), replace the words “as described in” with the words “according to”;

in Article 2.2.13.7.

- a) in point 2), delete the words “on two occasions, with an interval of not less than 7 days between each test, the first test being”, and replace the words “21 days” with the words “28 days”;
- b) in point 3), delete the words “on blood samples taken on two occasions, with an interval of not less than 7 days between each test, the first test being”, and replace the words “7 days” with the words “14 days”;

in Article 2.2.13.8.

- a) in point 2), delete the words “on two occasions, with an interval of not less than 7 days between each test, the first test being”, and replace the words “21 days” with the words “28 days”;
- b) in point 3), delete the words “on blood samples taken on two occasions, with an interval of not less than 7 days between each test, the first test being”, and replace the words “7 days” with the words “14 days”.

1.7. In Appendix X (Chapter 2.3.3.)

in Article 2.3.3.2.

- a) in point 2), insert the words “and buffalo” after the word “cattle”;
- b) in point 3), replace the words “ensure the discovery of” with the word “detect”;

- c) in point 3), delete the words “In addition, a prescribed test can also be used for surveillance purposes. The *Veterinary Administration* should be able to trace and test the herd of origin of any reactor to a prescribed test or of any animal which discloses gross pathological lesions of tuberculosis in an abattoir or elsewhere disclosed after removal from the considered territory”;
- d) in point 4), insert the words “and buffalo” after the word “cattle”;

in Article 2.3.3.3.

- a) in the chapeau, insert the words “or buffalo” after the word “cattle”;
- b) in point 3), replace the word “cattle” with the word “animals”;

in Article 2.3.3.6.

- a) in point 1)c), replace the words “at an interval of 6 months” with the word “annually”;
- b) in point 1)c), replace the words “an artificial insemination centre” with the words “a herd”;

in Article 2.3.3.7.

- a) in point 1)a), replace the words “departure to the *collection centre*” with the words “the embryo collection”;

in Article 2.3.3.8.

- a) in the title, insert the words “and meat products” after the words “for fresh meat”;
- b) replace the words “inspections for bovine tuberculosis carried out by the *Veterinary Services* in an *approved abattoir* with favourable results” with the words “inspections as described in the Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice for Meat Hygiene”;

delete Article 2.3.3.9.

in Article 2.3.3.10.

- a) in point 2), delete the words “in reducing *M. bovis* in raw milk”.

1.8. In Appendix XI (Chapter 2.3.13.)

in Article 1.

- a) in point 1) g) replace the existing words with the words “deboned skeletal muscle meat (excluding mechanically separated meat) from cattle 30 months of age or less which were not subjected to a stunning process, prior to slaughter, with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process, and which were subject to ante- and post-mortem inspection and were not suspect or confirmed BSE cases; and which has been prepared in a manner to avoid contamination with tissues listed in Article 13.”.

in Articles 4 and 5

- a) replace the existing titles of the Articles with the titles “Negligible BSE risk” (Article 4) and “Controlled BSE risk” (Article 5).

in Articles 6 to 16,

- a) replace every occurrence of the words “a negligible BSE risk without commodity specific risk mitigation measures” with the words “a negligible BSE risk” and the words “a negligible BSE risk with commodity specific risk mitigation measures” with the words “a controlled BSE risk”.

1.9 In Appendix XII (Appendix 3.8.4.)

in Article 3.8.4.3.

- a) in the 1st paragraph of point 1), replace the words “Depending on the country's choice, the application of the following procedure will allow the detection of BSE prevalence of either at least one case per million in the adult cattle population, or” with the words “The application of the following procedure will allow the detection of BSE prevalence of”;
- b) in the heading of point 2), delete the words “(under study)”;
- c) after the 1st paragraph of point 2), add a new paragraph “In order to implement efficiently a maintenance surveillance strategy for BSE, a country must use good quality data (or reliable estimates) concerning the age distribution of its adult cattle population and the number of cattle tested for BSE stratified by age and by subpopulation. The application of the following procedure will allow the detection of BSE prevalence of at least one case per 50,000 in the adult cattle population, at a confidence level of 95% in the country, zone or compartment of concern. This Appendix utilises Tables 1 and 2 to determine a desired surveillance point target and the point values of surveillance samples collected.”.

in Article 3.8.4.4.

- a) in Table 1, delete the column for DP 1/1,000,000 and add the column for DP 1/50,000 as follows:

Adult Cattle Population Size (24 months and older)	*DP 1/100,000	*DP 1/50,000
≥ 1,000,000	300,000	150,000
800,000 – 1,000,000	240,000	120,000
600,000 – 800,000	180,000	90,000
400,000 – 600,000	120,000	60,000
200,000 – 400,000	60,000	30,000
100,000 – 200,000	30,000	15,000
50,000 – 100,000	15,000	7,500

1.10. In Appendix XIV (Chapter 2.6.7.)

in Article 2.6.7.4.

- a) in the 1st paragraph of point 2), insert the words “and surveillance in accordance with Appendix 3.8.X” after the words “as referred to in Article 2.6.7.2.”;
- b) in point 2)h), replace the word “monitoring” with the word “surveillance”;

in Article 2.6.7.9.

- a) in point 3), replace the words “has been regularly monitored” with the words “has undergone surveillance”;

in Article 2.6.7.19.

- a) in point 2), replace the words “had been regularly monitored” with the words “had undergone surveillance”.

1.11. In Appendix XV (Appendix X.X.X.)

in Article X.X.X.6.,

- a) in point 1), replace each occurrence of the word “re-seeking” with the words “seeking reestablishment of”.

1.12. In Appendix XVI (Chapter 2.7.12.)

in Article 2.7.12.9.

- a) at the end of point 3), delete the word “and”;

in Article 2.7.12.13.

- a) in point 1), replace the words “a country, *zone* or *compartment* free from HPNAI infection” with the words “an HPNAI free country, *zone* or *compartment*”;

in Article 2.7.12.24.

- a) at the end of point 2), add the words “(under study)”;

in Article 2.7.12.25.

- a) at the end of point 2), add the words “(under study)”;

in Article 2.7.12.27.

- a) at the end of point 2), add the words “(under study)”;

in Article 2.7.12.29.

- a) at the end of point 1), add the words “(under study)”.

1.13. In Appendix XVII (Appendix 3.X.X.)

in Article 3.X.X.1.

- a) in the 2nd paragraph, replace the words “The presence of NAI” with the words “The presence of avian influenza viruses”;

in Article 3.X.X.2.

- a) in point 1)a), insert the words “or NAI infection” after the words “*outbreaks of disease*”;

in Article 3.X.X.4.

- a) in point 1), add the words “or HPNAI” after the word “NAI” and the words “or HPNAIV” after each occurrence of the word “NAIV”;

in Article 3.X.X.5.

- a) at the end of the 1st paragraph, add the words “The use of sentinel birds may facilitate the interpretation of surveillance results.”;

in Article 3.X.X.7.

- a) in the list of abbreviations of Figure 2, delete “NI Neuraminidase inhibition” and “SN Serum neutralization”.

1.14. In Appendix XIX (Appendix 3.2.1.)

in Article 3.2.1.3.

- a) at the end of point 3), add the words “susceptible to OIE-listed ruminant diseases transmissible via semen”;

in Article 3.2.1.5.

- a) in the 1st paragraph of point 2), insert the words “subsp. *venerealis*” after the words “*Campylobacter fetus*”;

in Article 3.2.1.9.

- a) in point 2)a), replace the words “as soon as it arrives in the laboratory” with the words “as soon as possible after collection”.

1.15. In Appendix XX (Chapter 2.2.14.)

in Article 2.2.14.12.

- a) in point 3), delete the words “using an ELISA on the samples”.

1.16. In Appendix XXI (Appendix 3.9.3. and Appendix 3.9.4.)

in Appendix 3.9.3. and in Appendix 3.9.4.

- a) replace each occurrence of the word “bacteria” with the word “microorganism”;
- b) replace each occurrence of the word “antibiotic” with the word “antimicrobial”;

in Article 3.9.3.2.

- a) at the end of point 8), add the words “with respect to residues of antimicrobial drugs, and the ability to transfer antimicrobial drug resistant microorganisms to humans.”;

in Article 3.9.3.3.

- a) in the third sub-point of point 6)a)i), insert the word “and” after the word “Pharmacokinetic”;
- b) in the first sub-point of point 6)a)ii), replace the words “mode and spectrum of activity” with the words “spectrum of activity and mode of action”;
- c) at the end of point 10)d), add the words “and age or production category”.

in Article 3.9.3.7.

- a) at the end of point 1), add the words “and food safety”;

in Article 3.9.4.1.

- a) in point 5)a), replace the word “resistant” with the word “resistance”;
- b) in point 5)c), replace the words “and the estimated probability of its occurrence” with the words “in terms of risks to human and/or animal health”;

in Article 3.9.4.2.

- a) in point 4), delete the 16th sub-point “dose, route of administration (oral, parenteral) and duration of human treatment”;

- b) in the last sub-point of point 5), delete the word “bacterial”.

1.17. In Appendix XXII (Guidelines for animal welfare)

in Chapter “Guidelines for the slaughter of animals for human consumption”

in Article 4

- a) in the 9th point, insert the word “humanely” before the words “killed immediately”;

in Article 5

- a) place the Article (under study);

in Article 7

- a) under the heading “Electrical stunning”, in point a), in the table replace the figure “0.5” for “Sheep & Goats” with the figure “1.0”;
- b) under the heading “Gas stunning”, in point b), replace the words “Gas mixture:” with the words “Such gas mixtures include:”;
- c) under the heading “Gas stunning”, in point c)i), add the word “include” at the end of the chapeau;

in Article 10

- a) at the end of the last point, delete the words “except fish”.

in Chapter “Guidelines for the land transport of animals”

in Article 2

- a) in the 1st point, insert the word “and/” after the words “formal training”;

in Article 3

- a) under the heading “space allowance”, at the end of the 4th point, delete the words “without body contact with other animals”.

in Article 6

- a) under the heading “Goads and other aids”, in the 5th point, delete the word “muzzled,”.

in Chapter “Guidelines for the transport of animals by sea”

in Article 3

- a) in the 2nd point, at the beginning of the 4th sub-point, add the word “expected”

in Article 4

- a) under the heading “Vessel and container design and maintenance”, in the 7th point, insert the words “loading and” at the beginning of the point and “fire hazard,” before the words “the elements and sea water”.

in Article 7

- a) under the heading “Sick and injured animals”, in the 2nd point, insert the words “or veterinarian’s” before the word “recommendations”

in Chapter “Guidelines for the humane killing of animals for disease control purposes

in Article 8

- a) under the heading “Requirements for effective use”, in the 6th point, replace the words “figures 1-5” with the words “figures 1-4” and delete figure 5 “The optimum shooting position for poultry”

2. To ask the Director General to publish the adopted texts in a revised edition of the *Terrestrial Code*.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XXVII

Implementation of OIE Standards in the Framework of the SPS Agreement

CONSIDERING

Participation in the international and regional trade in animals and animal products offers opportunities for all Member Countries of the OIE,

Compliance with and the maintenance of international sanitary standards for the trade in animals and animal products are major constraints for many Member Countries to successfully participate in international and regional trade in animals and animal products,

International standards, guidelines and recommendations of the OIE and the SPS Agreement facilitate access to the international trade market for animals and animal products,

New concepts to facilitate the trade in animals and animal products following technological developments in veterinary science are continuously evaluated and updated by the OIE,

The Veterinary Services of many importing and exporting countries do not yet have a system of export certification and import procedures that complies with international standards,

Standards regarding the quality and evaluation of Veterinary Services have been developed by the OIE in order to among other things strengthen the credibility of export certification procedures established by the national Veterinary Services of OIE Member Countries,

OIE international sanitary standards may be used even by non-exporting OIE Member Countries as relevant guidelines to improve their national animal health status,

The Directors General of the OIE, FAO, WTO, WHO and World Bank have expressed the commitment of their organisations in a combined declaration at the Ministerial Conference of the WTO in Doha, Qatar in November 2001, to strengthen the capacity of Member Countries and especially developing countries, in meeting SPS standards.

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES THAT

1. The OIE, in collaboration with other international organisations, facilitate the capacity building and regional training of officials, including veterinarians, to actively participate in the development, evaluation and implementation of OIE standards including the application of international certification standards for trade in animals and animal products, and of compartmentalisation and zoning.
2. The Director General of the OIE request the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission to continue with their efforts to establish a uniform format for developing standardised Chapters and Appendices for the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* to facilitate a common and uniform understanding and implementation of standards to enhance country participation.

3. The Director General of the OIE request the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission to continue to take into account the needs and specific circumstances in Developing Countries in the development of standards.
 4. The Director General of the OIE request the relevant Commissions to consider when possible the inclusion in each disease chapter of the relevant *Codes* to describe risk mitigation procedures that can be applied to specific animal products to render them safe for trade and to also list in each disease Chapter those products that can be traded without restriction for that given disease.
 5. The OIE request the WTO to consider observer status for relevant regional organisations for representation of countries that do not have the capacity or expertise to ensure continuity of representation at the SPS Committee meetings of the WTO.
 6. The OIE will work with the WTO to study how to take into account the guidelines, recommendations and standards developed and provided by the OIE on animal welfare. The outcome of these discussions will be reported for assessment to the International Committee.
 7. The OIE, in collaboration with relevant partners, consider support methods for the evaluation of *Veterinary Services* and the establishment of an independent audit system for Veterinary Services functioning under the auspices of the OIE, which could be used by Member Countries to evaluate the delivery of their Veterinary Services and to facilitate in the identification of their needs for compliance to OIE standards of quality and for relevant investments if requested.
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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 26 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XXVIII

Applications of Genetic Engineering for Livestock and Biotechnology Products

CONSIDERING THAT

The development of animal health applications for biotechnology is accelerating at a rapid pace and has the potential for significant advances in animal and veterinary public health.

A survey of the OIE 167 Member Countries conducted in 2005 identified a number of potentially beneficial applications of biotechnology and noted the absence of uniform guidance or international standards for assessment.

Responses received from this survey of OIE Member Countries indicated broad consensus that comprehensive regulatory controls are required and that ethical issues and societal concerns will need to be addressed in order to ensure responsible introduction and social acceptance of these technologies.

The maximising of benefits and minimising of negative consequences are best achieved through transparency and an international engagement to ensure that science-based standards are developed to direct the application of emerging technologies and to protect animal and public health.

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES THAT

OIE continue to provide scientific advice and support to enable countries to develop harmonised technical standards for regulation of biotechnology-derived animal health products, and genetically modified production animals through:

- The constitution of an Ad hoc Group on Biotechnology to support the work of OIE Specialist Commissions and related Working Groups.
- Maintaining and expanding collaboration with other international organisations including, but not limited to, the FAO, WHO, VICH, and IETS.
- Facilitating international collaboration among regulatory agencies.
- The standardisation of the techniques of assessment of bioengineered animals or products and training Member Countries to conduct risk analysis through the recognition of international collaborating centre(s).

These objectives will be reached by the OIE taking into account the following priorities:

1. Development and adoption of standards and guidelines for research on the use of live attenuated vaccines in animal health.
2. Development of recommendations and guidelines for use of DNA vaccines.

3. Development of guidelines and recommendations for the animal health risks linked with somatic cell nuclear transfer cloning.
 4. Develop objective criteria for assessing the health of embryos and production animals derived from cloning, and associated safety of cloned production animals and their products.
 5. Develop policy guidelines for exclusion of unapproved animals and products from the livestock population, and segregation from the feed and food supply.
 6. Develop identification, testing, and certification guidelines for international trade in production animals and their products for which biotechnology procedures have been employed.
 7. Development of guidelines relevant to the application of Nanoscience/Nanotechnology as it relates to animal health
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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 26 May 2005)

RESOLUTION No. XXIX

Date for the implementation of the modified OIE list of animal diseases

CONSIDERING

The adoption of Resolution No. XXIII relating to the OIE lists of diseases during the 69th General Session in May 2001,

That one of the principal objectives of the OIE is to inform Governments on the occurrence, evolution and distribution of animal diseases and zoonoses throughout the world and on the methods of control and prevention that are implemented,

The results of the work of the Ad hoc Group on diseases / pathogenic agent notification and their examination by the relevant OIE Specialist Commissions,

The adoption of Resolution No. XXVI on amendments to the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* during the 73rd General Session in May 2005,

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES THAT

1. In case of modifications of the list of animal diseases resulting from amendments to the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* and /or the *Aquatic Animal Health Code* during each annual General Session the new list come into force on 1 January of the following year.
2. In case of modification the list of animal diseases adopted during each General Session remains in application and unchanged until 31 December of the same year.

(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2005)