

**WOAH AD HOC GROUP ON THE REVISION OF
CHAPTER 7.6. 'KILLING OF ANIMALS FOR DISEASE CONTROL PURPOSES'**

May – June 2022

Terms of Reference

Purpose

For the *ad hoc* Group to review Chapter 7.6. 'Killing for disease control purposes', and to amend the text as appropriate.

Background

In February 2018, the Code Commission agreed to revise Chapter 7.5. 'Slaughter of animals' and Chapter 7.6. 'Killing of animals for disease control purposes' and requested that an *ad hoc* Group be convened to undertake this work considering the background history of WOAH regarding animal welfare standards. The *ad hoc* Group have developed a reviewed version of Chapter 7.5. 'Slaughter of animals' (proposed new title : Chapter 7.5. 'Animal Welfare during slaughter') which has been presented for Member comments after the February 2022 Code Commission meeting. In the meantime, it was proposed that the *ad hoc* Group progress on Chapter 7.6.

Specific issues to be addressed

The inconsistencies and the new areas of research that are inadequately covered in the current version of Chapter 7.6. 'Killing for disease control purposes'.

Actions to deliver

Ad hoc Group members to:

- Review all working documents ahead of the virtual meetings;
- Provide scientific evidence on the topics covered;
- Prepare a draft Chapter 7.6. 'Killing for disease control', taking into consideration the 'Discussion Paper' developed in 2018 which highlights the inconsistencies, gaps and new research areas for Chapters 7.5. and 7.6. of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code. This revised draft Chapter 7.6. is to be submitted to the Code Commission at its September 2022 meeting.

Considerations

- Consider the current version of Chapter 7.6. Killing for disease control purposes;
- Consider scientific evidence relevant to the content of the chapter (scientific references must be provided and included in the draft text);
- Be familiar with the structure of the *Terrestrial Code* and the use of glossary definitions.

Expectations

Ad hoc Group members should:

- Contribute to the discussions;
- Contribute to drafting the content of the Chapter;
- Attend all the virtual meetings on agreed dates;

Deliverables

A report describing the results of the Group's assessment of Chapter 7.6. and the proposed next steps.

Reporting timeline

The *ad hoc* Group will deliver its report by the 19th of August 2022.
