



**CASE DEFINITIONS FOR INFECTION WITH CHLAMYDIA ABORTUS
(ENZOOTIC ABORTION OF EWES, OVINE CHLAMYDIOSIS)**

For the purposes of notification to WOA, infection with *Chlamydia abortus* (enzootic abortion of ewes, ovine chlamydiosis) is defined as an *infection* of domestic sheep and goats (hereafter 'animal hosts') with *Chlamydia abortus*.

The following defines the occurrence of *infection* with *Chlamydia abortus*:

1. *Chlamydia abortus* has been isolated and identified as such in a sample from an animal host.

OR

2. antigen or nucleic acid specific to *Chlamydia abortus*, excluding vaccine strains, has been detected in a sample from an animal host showing clinical signs or pathological lesions consistent with *infection* with *Chlamydia abortus*, or epidemiologically linked to a confirmed or suspected case of *infection* with *Chlamydia abortus*, or giving cause for suspicion of previous association or contact with *Chlamydia abortus*.

OR

3. antibodies specific to *Chlamydia abortus*, which are not the consequence of *vaccination*, have been detected in a sample from an animal host showing clinical signs or pathological lesions consistent with *infection* with *Chlamydia abortus*, or epidemiologically linked to a confirmed or suspected case of *infection* with *Chlamydia abortus*, or giving cause for suspicion of previous association or contact with *Chlamydia abortus*.

Standards for diagnosis and vaccines, as well as information on the epidemiology are described in the *Terrestrial Manual*.
