

Report of the Meeting of the WOAH Working Group on Antimicrobial Resistance

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1. Welcome

The Working Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) (hereafter referred to as 'the Group') met virtually on 28 July 2023 to review the work of the Subgroup on the revision of Chapter 6.10. 'Responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in veterinary medicine' (thereafter referred to as 'the Subgroup').

Dr Javier Yugueros-Marcos, Head of the Antimicrobial Resistance and Veterinary Products (AMR&VP) Department welcomed the Group members and thanked them for their participation in the Group.

Dr Tomoko Ishibashi chaired the Group and Dr Moritz van Vuuren was appointed rapporteur. The adopted Agenda and List of Participants are presented in Annexes I and II respectively. Apologies were received from Dr Al Saloom, Dr Page and Dr Freischem.

2. *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*: Revision of draft Chapter 6.10. and Subgroup report

2.1. Update from the Secretariat

The Secretariat updated the Group on the Subgroup's review of comments from Members and input from the *Terrestrial Code* Commission. Consequently, the Subgroup made revisions to the draft Chapter 6.10. 'Responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in veterinary medicine'. The revised draft chapter and a report detailing the responses to comments and rationale behind the proposed text amendments were presented to the Group for its consideration.

2.2. Feedback from the Group

The Group reviewed the Subgroup's revised draft chapter and considered the Subgroup's report. It commended the work achieved by the Subgroup and acknowledged the improvement made to the text. The Group proposed a few minor changes in addition to the changes made by the Subgroup. The Group's report should be read in conjunction with the [June 2023 Subgroup report](#).

2.3. Endorsement of documents to be submitted to the *Terrestrial Code* Commission

Present members of the Group endorsed the revised draft chapter and the Subgroup report which contains the rationale for the proposed changes.

Excused members were updated with the latest discussion and revision of the documents. They endorsed, by email, the Subgroup report, the additional changes proposed by the AMRWG and the revised draft of Chapter 6.10.

2.4. Next steps

The Chair informed the Group that the endorsed chapter and the Group's report will be submitted, along with the Subgroup's report, to the *Terrestrial Code* Commission for discussion at its meeting in September 2023.

3. Any other business

The Secretariat informed the Group that the process for selecting experts to join the Working Group has started. The Secretariat is planning to share a list of potential experts to the Group for its consideration at its meeting in October 2023.

Annex 1. Adopted Agenda

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1. Opening
2. *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*: revised draft of chapter 6.10 and rationale report
 - 2.1. Update from Secretariat
 - 2.2. Feedback from WG AMR
 - 2.3. Endorsement of documents to be submitted to Code Commission
 - 2.4. Next steps
3. Any other business

Annex 2. List of Participants

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