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Approval of the Director General's Report on 2023 WOAH Activities

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

CONSIDERING the challenges encountered as a result of various external and internal factors (in particular COVID 19) affecting the implementation of the 7th Strategic Plan

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

- 1. To approve the Director General's Report on 2023 WOAH Activities (91GS Adm-05).
- 2. To extend the implementation of the 7th Strategic Plan by one year (until the end of 2026) to ensure that the objectives set are achieved and to provide the best possible conditions for the transition of the General Directorate to prepare the next plan.

Approval of the Director General's Report on 2023 WOAH Management, Activities and Administrative Work

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

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

1. To approve the Director General's Report on 2023 WOAH Management, Activities and Administrative Work (91 GS Adm-06).

Memorandum of Understanding between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the African Union – Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)

CONSIDERING

The Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the African Union – Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) signed on 28 May 2015,

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that the scope and the modalities of cooperation be redefined between WOAH and AU-IBAR,

The Memorandum of Understanding between WOAH and AU-IBAR (91GS Adm-07) was approved following the deliberations of the Council on 6 March 2024,

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and its signature by the Director General on behalf of WOAH.

Memorandum of Understanding between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)

CONSIDERING

The Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) signed on 26 May 2011,

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that the scope and the modalities of cooperation be redefined between WOAH and CIC,

The Memorandum of Understanding between WOAH and CIC (91GS Adm-08) was approved following the deliberations of the Council on 6 March 2024,

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and its signature by the Director General on behalf of WOAH.

Memorandum of Understanding between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

CONSIDERING

The Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), signed on 26 June 2012,

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that the scope and the modalities of cooperation be redefined between WOAH and IUCN,

The Memorandum of Understanding between WOAH and IUCN (91GS Adm-09) was approved following the deliberations of the Council on 6 March 2024,

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and its signature by the Director General on behalf of WOAH.

Memorandum of Understanding between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC)

CONSIDERING

The Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) signed on 23 May 2003,

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that the scope and the modalities of cooperation be redefined between WOAH and SADC,

The Memorandum of Understanding between WOAH and SADC (91GS Adm-10) was approved following the deliberations of the Council on 6 March 2024,

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and its signature by the Director General on behalf of WOAH.

Memorandum of Understanding between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the Pacific Community (SPC)

CONSIDERING

The Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the Pacific Community (SPC) signed on 16 September 1999,

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that the scope and the modalities of cooperation be redefined between WOAH and SPC,

The Memorandum of Understanding between WOAH and SPC (91GS Adm-11) was approved following the deliberations of the Council on 6 March 2024,

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and its signature by the Director General on behalf of WOAH.

Appointment of the Director General

HAVING REGARD TO

The Basic Texts of the Organisation, particularly article 8 of the Organic Statutes, article 11 of the Organic Rules and article 26 of the General Rules.

CONSIDERING

- 1. The result of the election which took place on 28 May 2024 during the 91st General Session.
- 2. That it is desirable that a reasonable period of time between the election and the taking of office of the Director General be observed in order to ensure a smooth transition.

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES

To appoint Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran (France) as Director General of the Organisation for a period of five (5) years starting on 1 August 2024 until 31 July 2029 by mutual agreement between the outgoing Director General and the newly elected Director General.

Appointment of the Council

HAVING REGARD TO

The Basic Texts of the Organisation, particularly Articles 8 and 50 of the General Rules, as well as Article 6 (c) of the Organic Rules.

CONSIDERING

The results of the elections which took place on 28 May 2024 during the 91st General Session.

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES

To appoint the following Delegates as President, Vice-President, and Members of the Council for a period of three (3) years.

	President
Dr Susana Guedes Pombo (Portugal)	
V	/ice-President
Dr Fajer Al Salloom (Bahrain)	
	Members
Dr Roland Xolani Dlamini (Eswatini) Dr Mbargou Lo (Senegal) Dr Wilmer José Juárez Juárez (Nicaragua) Dr Mary van Andel (New Zealand) Dr Masatsugu Okita (Japan) Dr Christine Middlemiss (United Kingdom)	

As per Article 8 of the General Rules, the Past President remains a member of the Council for a period of three (3) years. Therefore, Dr Hugo Idoyaga, as Past President, will remain on the Council for a period of three (3) years.

Appointment of the Bureaus of the Regional Commissions

HAVING REGARD TO

The Basic Texts of the Organisation, particularly Articles 12, 13 and 50 of the General Rules, and Article 6 of the Terms of Reference and Internal Rules of the Regional Commissions and Regional Conferences.

CONSIDERING

The results of the elections which took place on 28 May 2024 during the 91st General Session.

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES

To appoint the following Delegates as President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary General of the Bureau of the relevant Regional Commission for a period of three (3) years.

Bureau of the Regional Commission for Africa
President
Dr Honoré Robert N'lemba Mabela (Congo (Dem. Rep. of the))
Vice-Presidents
Dr Anna Rose Ademun Okurut (Uganda)
Dr Abderrahman El Abrak (Morocco)
Secretary General
Dr Columba Teru Vakuru (Nigeria)

Bureau of the Regional Commission for the Americas
President
Dr Rosemary Sifford (United States of America)
Vice-Presidents
Dr Rafael Enrique Rodríguez Alvarado (Honduras)
Dr Carlos Orellana Vaquero (Chile)
Secretary General
Dr Roxana Alvarez (Belize)

Bureau of the Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific
President
Dr Baoxu Huang (China (People's Rep. of))
Vice-Presidents
Dr K. A. C. H. A. Kothalawala (Sri Lanka)
Dr Akma binti Nhah Hamid (Malaysia)
Secretary General
Dr Beth Cookson (Australia)

Bureau of	the Regional Commission for Europe
	President
Dr Maris Balodis (Latvia)	
	Vice-Presidents
Dr Ulrich Herzog (Austria)	
Dr Vasili Basiladze (Georgia)	
	Secretary General
Dr Nikolche Babovski (North Maced	donia)

Bureau of the Regional Commission for the Middle East	
President	
Dr Sanad Alharbi (Saudi Arabia)	
Vice-Presidents	
Dr Christodoulos Pipis (Cyprus)	
Dr Samah Al Sharif (Oman)	
Secretary General	
Dr Elias Ibrahim (Lebanon)	

Appointment of the Specialist Commissions

HAVING REGARD TO

The Basic Texts of the Organisation, particularly Articles 16 and 50 of the General Rules, and Article 3 of the Internal Rules, Terms of Reference of the Specialist Commissions and Qualifications of their Members.

CONSIDERING

The results of the elections which took place on 28 May 2024 during the 91st General Session.

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES

To appoint the following candidates as President, Vice-Presidents, and Members of the relevant Specialist Commission for a period of three (3) years.

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission	
President	
Dr Etienne Bonbon (France)	
Vice-Presidents	
Dr Gastón Funes (Argentina)	
Dr Kiyokazu Murai (Japan)	
Members	
Prof. Salah Hammami (Tunisia)	
Dr Caroline Dubé (Canada)	
Dr John Stratton (Australia)	

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission
President
Dr Alicia Gallardo (Chile)
Vice-Presidents
Ms Fiona Geoghegan (Ireland)
Dr Ingo Ernst (Australia)
Members
Dr Kevin Christison (South Africa)
Prof. Hong Liu (China (People's Republic of))
Dr Saraya Tavornpanich (Norway)

Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases	
President	
Dr Cristobal Zepeda (United States of America)	
Vice-Presidents	
Dr Silvia Bellini (Italy)	
Prof. Naomi Cogger (New Zealand)	
Members	
Prof. Baptise Kimbenga Dungu (South Africa and Congo (Demo. Rep. of))	
Dr Mischeck Mulumba (Zambia)	
Prof. Jan Arend Stegeman (Netherlands)	

Biological Standards Commission			
President			
Prof. Emmanuel Couacy-Hymann (Côte d'Ivoire)			
Vice-Presidents			
Prof. Ann Cullinane (Ireland)			
Prof. Chris Oura (Trinidad and Tobago)			
Members			
Dr Satoko Kawaji (Japan)			
Dr Joseph O'Keefe (New Zealand)			
Dr Donald King (United Kingdom)			

Revision of the WOAH Basic Texts

CONSIDERING

- 1. The document 91GS Admin-13 introduces the external and independent review of the WOAH Basic Texts titled 'Report on the analysis and evaluation of the legal framework and the institutional, technical and financial governance of the World Organisation for Animal Health'. The document includes input from Council, elected bodies, and selected delegates.
- 2. The insights and discussions from the Forum titled "Is WOAH ready for the future?" held during the 91st General Session, which explored future scenarios and their implications for WOAH's governance structures and processes, emphasizing the need for agility, resilience, and future-readiness in the revision of the Basic Texts.
- 3. That any revisions to the WOAH Basic Texts will not apply retroactively.

THE ASSEMBLY, ON A PROPOSAL BY THE COUNCIL

RECOMMENDS THAT

- 1. WOAH Members recognise the importance of a robust legal framework and the need to revise its Basic Texts to secure the organisation's ability to deliver its mandate efficiently, effectively, and sustainably into the future.
- 2. WOAH Members recognise the 'Report on the analysis and evaluation of the legal framework and the institutional, technical and financial governance of the World Organisation for Animal Health' including the recommendations as the basis for further work to revise the Basic Texts.

DECIDES THAT

- 1. The Director General establish a dedicated group on governance to carry out further work to revise the WOAH Basic Texts.
- 2. The Director General, in collaboration with the Council, develop Terms of Reference to provide the structure, composition, and modalities of work for the dedicated group. The group will be inclusive of the Membership with representatives from each region. The membership of the group will be approved by Council.
- 3. The Director General secure the necessary funds for the work of the dedicated group from within existing budgets and contribution mechanisms.
- 4. Following the validation of its outputs by the Council, the dedicated group on governance report to the 2025 General Session of the Assembly with the objective of providing a holistic work programme of multi-year activities and any initial recommendations (as appropriate) to support revisions to the Basic Texts.

Acknowledgements to the Members and Partners that made Voluntary Contributions or Subsidies to WOAH, or contributed to the Organisation of WOAH Meetings and the Provision of Personnel

CONSIDERING

1. The voluntary contributions or subsidies received by WOAH in 2023 and the in-person meetings organised in 2023,

THE ASSEMBLY

REQUESTS

The Director General to sincerely thank:

1. Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, China (People's Rep. of), Colombia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea (Rep. of), Libya, Mexico, the Netherlands (through the AMR MPTF), Oman, Qatar, Panama, Russia, Spain, Sweden (through the AMR MPTF), Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America;

The African Union – Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources, the European Union and the World Bank;

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Donkey Sanctuary, Four Paws, International Coalition for Working Equids, the International Horse Sports Confederation, the Open Philanthropy, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;

for their voluntary contributions or subsidies to support WOAH in 2023.

2. Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, China (People's Rep. of), Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Ecuador, Fiji, Georgia, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea (Rep. of), Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

for their contribution to the organisation of WOAH workshops that were held during 2023.

3. Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Korea (Rep. of), Norway, Panama, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America;

for seconding national experts to WOAH in 2023.

Approval of the 2023 Financial Report

(1 January – 31 December 2023)

CONSIDERING

- 1. Article 15 of the Organic Statutes of WOAH,
- 2. Article 6 of the Organic Rules of WOAH,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

1. To approve the Financial Report for the 97th Financial Year of WOAH (1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023) (91GS/Fin-01).

Modification of the 2024 Regular Budget

CONSIDERING

- 1. Article 15 of the Organic Statutes and Article 6.h of the Organic Rules of WOAH,
- 2. The variation in expenses and income for the 98th Financial Year (1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024),

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

1. To modify Resolution No. 6 of 25 May 2023 and to replace paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 of said Resolution with the following paragraphs:

1.1. Income

Sections	Sections Description	
Section 1	Members' contributions (Article 11 - Organic Statutes and Article 14 - Organic Rules)	14 804 000
	Extraordinary contributions	817 000
	Sub-total Section 1	15 621 000
	Registration fees (General Session, conferences)	-
	Publication sales	-
	Fees for evaluation of sanitary status applications	140 000
Section 2	World Fund overheads	1 500 000
	Internal contributions	931 000
	Other operating revenue	1 125 000
	Sub-total Section 2	3 696 000
	Investment income	100 000
	Extraordinary income	-
Section 3	Recovery of investment subsidies	32 500
	Reversal of provisions	488 000
	Sub-total Section 3	620 500
	TOTAL	19 937 500

1.2. Expenses

Budge	Budgetary chapters Amount €		
1	Information Management	3 238 794	
2	Standard Setting and Implementation	2 775 054	
3	Capacity Building	80 353	
4	Global Frameworks	835 817	
5	International Collaboration	700	
6	Institutional Governance	3 786 627	
7	General Administration	6 052 543	
8	Regional and sub-regional Representations	1 667 612	
9	Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	1 500 000	
	TOTAL	19 937 500	

2. The income and expenses of the Regular Budget for the 98th Financial Year, corresponding to the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, are set at € 19,937,500.

WOAH Planned Work Programme and Regular Budget Incomes and Expenses for 2025

CONSIDERING

- 1. Article 15 of the Organic Statutes and Article 6.h of the Organic Rules of WOAH,
- 2. The Seventh Strategic Plan of WOAH, established for the 2021-2025 period,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

- 1. To approve the Planned Work Programme for 2025 (91GS/Fin-05), subject to prioritisation by the Council to ensure that expenditure remains within the allotted budget;
- 2. That the budget of the Regular Budget for the 99th Financial Year, for the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025, shall be set at € 20,600,000 in terms of income and expenses and established as follows:

2.1. Income

Sections	Description	Amount €
Section 1	Member contributions (Article 11 - Organic Statutes and Article 14 - Organic Rules)	15 863 300
	Extraordinary contributions	569 250
	Sub-total Section 1	16 432 550
	Registration fees (General Session, conferences)	-
	Publication sales	-
	Fees for evaluating disease status dossiers	100 000
Section 2	World Fund overheads	1 500 000
	Internal contributions	835 000
	Other operating revenue	1 048 700
	Sub-total Section 2	3 483 700
	Investment income	151 250
Section 3	Extraordinary income	-
	Recovery of investment subsidies	32 500
	Reversal of provisions	500 000
	Sub-total Section 3	683 750
	TOTAL	20 600 000

2.2. Expenses

Budgetary Chapters Amount		
1	Information Management	3 170 500
2	Standard Setting and Implementation	2 899 700
3	Capacity Building	115 300
4	Global Frameworks	978 640
5	International Collaboration	10 700
6	Institutional Governance	3 819 390
7	General Administration	6 093 660
8	Regional and Sub-Regional Representations	2 012 110
9	Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	1 500 000
	TOTAL	20 600 000

RECOMMENDS THAT

3. Members provide the necessary support to allow the Planned Work Programme to be carried out, in the form of payment of both statutory contributions and, when possible, voluntary contributions to the Regular Budget and/or to the World Animal Health and Welfare Fund, or any other form of support to WOAH activities.

Financial contributions from WOAH Members for 2025

CONSIDERING

- 1. Article 11 of the Organic Statutes and Article 14 of the Organic Rules of WOAH,
- 2. Resolution No. 8 dated 1 June 2001 related to contributions by the Least Developed Countries (LDC),
- 3. Resolution No. 11 of 30 May 2014 creating two categories of extraordinary contributions,
- 4. Resolution No. 15 of 24 May 2018 related to taking an annual consumer price index ("OECD-Total" CPI) for the previous year into account when calculating the annual contributions of WOAH Members for the following year,
- 5. The 2023 "OECD-Total" CPI that stands at 6.9% to calculate the contributions for 2025,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

1. That the annual statutory contribution from WOAH Members for the 2025 Financial Year are as follows:

Category	2025 Annual Contribution (€)
1	315 375
2	252 300
3	189 225
4	126 150
5	63 075
6	37 845

- 2. That, in accordance with the six-category scale, WOAH will only call for 50% of the total contributions due from the Members classified as Least Developed Countries (LDCs) by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.
- 3. That Members, while retaining the choice of category in which they are registered, may contribute to one of the two extraordinary categories for 2025. In this case, the concerned Members shall be exempt from their statutory contribution for the year in guestion.
- 4. The two extraordinary categories of contribution to be paid as a lump sum are as follows:

Category A: EUR 500 000 minimum Category B: EUR 300 000 minimum

Renewal of the Appointment of the External Auditor

CONSIDERING

1. Article 12.1. of the Financial Regulations concerning the appointment of the External Auditor and the renewal of his mandate,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

1. To renew for an one year period the appointment of Mr Didier Selles of the *Cour des comptes* (French Court of auditors) as External Auditor of WOAH Accounts to audit the 2024 accounts.

Recognition of the Foot and Mouth Disease Status of Members

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. During the 62nd General Session, the World Assembly of Delegates (the Assembly) established a procedure for annually updating a List of Members and zones recognised as free from foot and mouth disease (FMD) according to the provisions of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (*Terrestrial Code*),
- 2. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 15, which specified and updated the procedure for Members to follow to achieve official recognition and maintenance of status for certain animal diseases, including FMD,
- 3. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 16, which specified and updated the financial implications for Members applying for evaluation of official recognition of animal health status to meet part of the costs defrayed by WOAH in the evaluation process,
- 4. During the 79th General Session, the Assembly noted that an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedures for official animal health status evaluations had been compiled by WOAH Headquarters for the benefit of Members,
- 5. During the 85th General Session, the Assembly noted a complete revision of the standard operating procedures providing further details on the process of official status recognition. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 6. During the 86th General Session, the Assembly noted an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedure for official recognition of animal health status of non-contiguous territories as part of a Member already having an official animal health status. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 7. Information published by WOAH is derived from declarations made by the Delegates of Members. WOAH is not responsible for the publication and maintenance of Members' or zonal animal health status based on inaccurate information or untimely reporting to WOAH Headquarters of changes in epidemiological status or other significant events subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom from FMD,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following List of Members recognised as FMD-free where vaccination is not practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 8.8. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Albania Australia Austria Belarus Belgium Belize Bosnia and Herzegovina

Brunei

Bulgaria

Estonia Eswatini Finland² France³ Germany Greece Guatemala Guyana Haiti

El Salvador

Lesotho Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg Madagascar Malta Mexico Montenegro New Caledonia New Zealand Nicaragua

Portugal⁴ Romania San Marino Serbia⁵ Singapore Slovakia Slovenia Spain⁶ Suriname Sweden Switzerland The Netherlands

Ukraine

Poland

Canada Chile Costa Rica Croatia Cuba Cyprus Czech Republic

Honduras Hungary Iceland Ireland Italy Japan Latvia

North Macedonia (Rep. of) Nórway Panama Peru

Philippines

United Kinadom⁷ United States of America8 Vanuatu

Denmark¹ Dominican Republic

2. The Director General publish the following List of Members recognised as FMD-free where vaccination is practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 8.8. of the Terrestrial Code:

Paraguay, Uruguay

3. The Director General publish the following List of Members having FMD-free zones⁹ where vaccination is not practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 8.8. of the Terrestrial Code:

Argentina:

one zone designated by the Delegate of Argentina in a document addressed to the Director General in January 2007;

the summer pasture zone in the Province of San Juan as designated by the Delegate of Argentina in a document addressed to the Director General in April 2011;

Patagonia Norte A as designated by the Delegate of Argentina in a document addressed to the Director General in October 2013;

Bolivia:

one zone in the Macro-region of the Altiplano designated by the Delegate of Bolivia in documents addressed to the Director General in November 2011:

one zone consisting of the Department of Beni and the northern part of the Department of La Paz merged with the zone consisting of the Department of Pando (August 2018), as designated by the Delegate of Bolivia in a document addressed to the Director General in September 2022;

Including Faroe Islands and Greenland.

Including Åland Islands.

³ Including French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Réunion, Saint Pierre and Miguelon.

Including Azores and Madeira.

Excluding Kosovo administered by the United Nations.

Including Balearic Islands and Canary Islands.

Including Guernsey (incl. Alderney and Sark), Isle of Man, Jersey and Falkland Islands (Malvinas). (A dispute exists between the Government of Argentina and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [see resolution 2065 (XX) of the General Assembly of the United Nations]).

Including American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands.

For detailed information on the delimitation of zones of Members recognised as free from FMD, enquiries should be addressed to the Director General of WOAH.

Botswana:

four zones designated by the Delegate of Botswana in documents addressed to the Director General in August and November 2014 as follows:

- one zone consisting of Zones 3c (Dukwi), 4b, 5, 6a, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13;
- one zone consisting of Zone 3c (Maitengwe);
- one zone covering Zone 4a;
- one zone covering Zone 6b;

one zone covering Zone 3b designated by the Delegate of Botswana in a document addressed to the Director General in August 2016;

one zone covering Zone 7 designated by the Delegate of Botswana in a document addressed to the Director General in August 2018;

Brazil:

State of Santa Catarina designated by the Delegate of Brazil in a document addressed to the Director General in February 2007;

three zones of Brazil as designated by the Delegate of Brazil in a document addressed to the Director General in August 2020 as follows:

- State of Paraná;
- State of Rio Grande do Sul;
- one zone (Block 1) including the States of Acre and Rondônia and 14 municipalities in the State of Amazonas and five municipalities in the State of Mato Grosso;

Chinese Taipei:

one zone covering Taiwan, Penghu and Matsu areas, as designated by the Delegate of Chinese Taipei in a document addressed to the Director General in September 2019;

Colombia:

one zone designated by the Delegate of Colombia in documents addressed to the Director General in November 1995 and in April 1996 (Area I - Northwest region of Chocó Department);

one zone designated by the Delegate of Colombia in documents addressed to the Director General in January 2008 (Archipelago de San Andrés and Providencia);

Ecuador:

one zone consisting of the insular territory of the Galápagos, as designated by the Delegate of Ecuador in a document addressed to the Director General in August 2014;

Malaysia:

one zone covering the provinces of Sabah and Sarawak as designated by the Delegate of Malaysia in a document addressed to the Director General in December 2003:

Moldova:

one zone designated by the Delegate of Moldova in a document addressed to the Director General in July 2008;

Namibia:

one zone designated by the Delegate of Namibia in a document addressed to the Director General in February 1997;

Russia:

one zone designated by the Delegate of Russia in documents addressed to the Director General in August 2015 and March 2016;

4. The Director General publish the following List of Members having FMD-free zones¹⁰ where vaccination is practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 8.8. of the Terrestrial Code:

two separate zones designated by the Delegate of Argentina in documents Argentina:

addressed to the Director General in March 2007 and October 2013, and in August

2010 and February 2014;

one zone covering the regions of Chaco, Valles and parts of Amazonas and Bolivia:

Altiplano as designated by the Delegate of Bolivia in documents addressed to the

Director General in October 2013. February 2014 and August 2018:

Brazil: one zone consisting of two merged zones designated by the Delegate of Brazil in

documents addressed to the Director General in August 2010, September 2017 and September 2019, covering the States of Alagoas, Amapá, Amazonas, Bahia, Ceará, Espírito Santo, Goiás, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Maranhão, Minas Gerais, Pará, Paraíba, Pernambuco, Piauí, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Norte, Roraima, São Paulo, Sergipe, Tocantins and Distrito Federal, with the exclusion of the municipalities of the States of Amazonas and Mato Grosso that are part of the zone of Block 1 (free from FMD where vaccination is not practised)

as addressed to the Director General in August 2020;

Chinese Taipei: one zone consisting of Kinmen County as designated by the Delegate of Chinese

Taipei in a document addressed to the Director General in September 2017;

Colombia: three separate zones designated by the Delegate of Colombia in documents addressed to the Director General in September 2019 as follows:

> Zone I (Northern border) consisting of Departments of La Guajira, Cesar and part of the Department of Norte de Santander;

- Zone III (Trade) consisting of the Departments of Atlántico, Córdoba, Magdalena, Sucre and part of Antioquia, Bolívar and Chocó Departments:
- Zone IV (Rest of the country), consisting of the Departments of Amazonas. Caldas, Caquetá, Cauca, Casanare, Cundinamarca, Guainía, Guaviare, Huila, Meta, Nariño, Quindío, Putumayo, Risaralda, Santander, Tolima, Valle del Cauca, Vaupés and part of Antioquia, Bolívar, Boyacá, and Chocó Departments,

one zone consisting of two merged zones designated by the Delegate of Colombia in documents addressed to the Director General in September 2019 and in August 2020, which includes Zone II (Eastern border) and the former high surveillance zone covering the Departments of Arauca and Vichada and the municipality of Cubará of the Department of Boyacá:

one zone, namely Protection Zone I (PZ I) covering 29 municipalities of the Department of Norte de Santander, as designated by the Delegate of Colombia in a document addressed to the Director General in September 2022;

one zone consisting of the continental Ecuador, as designated by the Delegate of

Ecuador in a document addressed to the Director General in August 2014;

Ecuador:

¹⁰ For detailed information on the delimitation of zones of Members recognised as free from FMD, enquiries should be addressed to the Director General of WOAH.

Kazakhstan:

five separate zones designated by the Delegate of Kazakhstan in documents addressed to the Director General in August 2016 as follows:

- Zone 1 consisting of Almaty region;
- Zone 2 consisting of East Kazakhstan region;
- Zone 3 including part of Kyzylorda region, northern part of South Kazakhstan region, northern and central parts of Zhambyl region;
- Zone 4 including southern part of Kyzylorda region and south-western part of South Kazakhstan region;
- Zone 5 including south-eastern part of South Kazakhstan region and southern part of Zhambyl region;

Russia:

two zones of Russia as designated by the Delegate of Russia in documents addressed to the Director General in August 2020 as follows:

- Zone-South including Southern and North Caucasian Federal Districts, consisting of 13 Subjects: Rostov Oblast, Stavropol Krai, Krasnodar Krai, Volgograd Oblast, Astrakhan Oblast, Republic of Kalmykia, Chechen Republic, Republic of Ingushetia, Republic of Dagestan, Kabardino-Balkarian Republic, Karachay-Cherkess Republic, Republic of North Ossetia-Alania, Republic of Adygea;
- Zone-Sakhalin consisting of the Island of Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands;

one zone of Eastern Siberia consisting of two Subjects (Republic of Tuva and Republic of Buryatia) and one Raion of the Republic of Altai (Kosh-Agachsky Raion) designated by the Delegate of Russia in a document addressed to the Director General in August 2021;

one zone, namely Zone V 'Far East' consisting of five Subjects: Amur Oblast, Jewish Autonomous Oblast, Primorsky Krai, Khabarovsky Krai, Zabaykalsky Krai, as designated by the Delegate of Russia in a document addressed to the Director General in September 2022;

Türkiye (Rep. of):

one zone designated by the Delegate of Türkiye (Rep. of) in a document addressed to the Director General in November 2009.

AND

5. The Delegates of these Members shall immediately notify the WOAH Headquarters if FMD occurs in their countries or free zones within their territories.

Endorsement of Official Control Programmes for Foot and Mouth Disease of Members

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. During the 79th General Session, the World Assembly of Delegates (the Assembly) adopted Resolution No. 19 establishing a new step in the procedure for recognising the foot and mouth disease (FMD) status of a Member, namely the endorsement by WOAH of an official control programme for FMD being in compliance with the provisions of the chapter on FMD in the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (*Terrestrial Code*),
- 2. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 15, which specified and updated the procedure for Members to follow to achieve endorsement of their official control programme for FMD,
- 3. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 16, which specified and updated the financial implications for Members applying for endorsement of their official control programme for FMD to meet part of the costs defrayed by WOAH in the evaluation process,
- 4. During the 79th General Session, the Assembly noted that an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedures for official animal health status evaluations had been compiled by WOAH Headquarters for the benefit of Members,
- 5. During the 85th General Session, the Assembly noted a complete revision of the standard operating procedures providing further details on the process of official status recognition. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 6. Information published by WOAH is derived from declarations made by the Delegates of Members. WOAH is not responsible for the publication and maintenance of the endorsement of Members' official control programme for FMD based on inaccurate information or non-reporting to WOAH Headquarters of significant changes in the implementation of relevant measures in the Member subsequent to the time of endorsement of the official control programme for FMD,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following List of Members with an endorsed official control programme for FMD, according to the provisions of Chapter 8.8. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Botswana Kyrgyzstan Namibia India Morocco Thailand

2. The Delegates of these Members shall notify WOAH Headquarters of the occurrence of FMD, changes in the epidemiological situation and other significant events in their countries or territories in accordance with Chapter 1.1. of the *Terrestrial Code*.

Recognition of the Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia Status of Members

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. During the 71st General Session, the World Assembly of Delegates (the Assembly) established a procedure for annually updating a List of Members and zones recognised as free from contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) according to the provisions of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (*Terrestrial Code*),
- 2. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 15, which specified and updated the procedure for Members to follow to achieve official recognition and maintenance of status for certain diseases, including CBPP,
- 3. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 16, which specified and updated the financial implications for Members applying for evaluation of official recognition of animal health status to meet part of the costs defrayed by WOAH in the evaluation process,
- 4. During the 79th General Session, the Assembly noted that an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedures for official animal health status evaluations had been compiled by WOAH Headquarters for the benefit of Members,
- 5. During the 85th General Session, the Assembly noted a complete revision of the standard operating procedures providing further details on the process of official status recognition. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 6. During the 86th General Session, the Assembly noted an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedure for official recognition of animal health status of non-contiguous territories as part of a Member already having an official animal health status. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 7. Information published by WOAH is derived from declarations made by the Delegates of Members. WOAH is not responsible for the publication and maintenance of Members' or zonal animal health status based on inaccurate information or untimely reporting to WOAH Headquarters of changes in epidemiological status or other significant events subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom from CBPP,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following List of Members recognised as CBPP-free according to the provisions of Chapter 11.5. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Argentina Ecuador Paraguay Australia Eswatini Peru Bolivia France¹¹ Portugal 12 Botswana India Russia Brazil Singapore Italy Mexico South Africa Canada China (People's Rep. of) Mongolia Switzerland

Czech Republic New Caledonia United States of America

Colombia Norway Uruguay

2. The Director General publish the following List of Members having a CBPP-free zone¹³ according to the provisions of Chapter 11.5. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Namibia: one zone located south of the Veterinary Cordon Fence, designated by the Delegate

of Namibia in a document addressed to the Director General in October 2015;

AND

3. The Delegates of these Members shall immediately notify the WOAH Headquarters if CBPP occurs in their countries or free zone within their territories.

¹¹ Including French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, and Réunion.

¹² Including Azores and Madeira.

For detailed information on the delimitation of the zone of the Member recognised as free from CBPP, enquiries should be addressed to the Director General of WOAH.

Endorsement of Official Control Programmes for Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia of Members

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. During the 82nd General Session, the World Assembly of Delegates (the Assembly) adopted Resolution No. 31 establishing the endorsement by WOAH of an official control programme for contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP), in accordance with the relevant provisions of the chapter on CBPP in the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (*Terrestrial Code*),
- 2. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 15, which specified and updated the procedure for Members to follow to achieve endorsement of their official control programme for CBPP,
- Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 16, which specified
 and updated the financial implications for Members applying for endorsement of their official
 control programme for CBPP to meet part of the costs defrayed by WOAH in the evaluation
 process,
- 4. During the 79th General Session, the Assembly noted that an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedures for official animal health status evaluations had been compiled by WOAH Headquarters for the benefit of Members,
- 5. During the 85th General Session, the Assembly noted a complete revision of the standard operating procedures providing further details on the process of official status recognition. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 6. Information published by WOAH is derived from declarations made by the Delegates of Members. WOAH is not responsible for the publication and maintenance of the endorsement of Members' official control programme for CBPP based on inaccurate information or non-reporting to WOAH Headquarters of significant changes in the implementation of relevant measures in the Member subsequent to the time of endorsement of the official control programme for CBPP,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following List of Members with an endorsed official control programme for CBPP, according to the provisions of Chapter 11.5. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Namibia Zambia

2. The Delegates of these Members shall notify WOAH Headquarters of the occurrence of CBPP, changes in the epidemiological situation and other significant events in their countries or territories in accordance with Chapter 1.1. of the *Terrestrial Code*.

Recognition of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Risk Status of Members

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. During the 67th General Session, the World Assembly of Delegates (the Assembly) established a procedure for annually updating a List of Members and zones, categorised by their bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk according to the provisions of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (*Terrestrial Code*),
- 2. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 15, which specified and updated the procedure for Members to follow to achieve official recognition and maintenance of status of certain diseases, including BSE risk status,
- 3. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 16, which specified and updated the financial implications for Members applying for evaluation of official recognition of BSE risk status to meet part of the costs defrayed by WOAH in the evaluation process,
- 4. During the 79th General Session, the Assembly noted that an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedures for official animal health status evaluations had been compiled by WOAH Headquarters for the benefit of Members,
- 5. During the 85th General Session, the Assembly noted a complete revision of the standard operating procedures providing further details on the process of official status recognition. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 6. During the 86th General Session, the Assembly noted an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedure for official recognition of animal health status of non-contiguous territories as part of a Member already having an official animal health status. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 7. Information published by WOAH is derived from declarations made by the Delegates of Members. WOAH is not responsible for the publication and maintenance of Members' or zonal risk status based on inaccurate information or untimely reporting to WOAH Headquarters of changes in epidemiological status or other significant events subsequent to the time of declaration of the BSE risk status,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following List of Members recognised as having a negligible BSE risk in accordance with Chapter 11.4. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Argentina	Denmark	Latvia	Poland
Australia Austria Belgium Bolivia	Estonia Finland ¹⁴ France Germany	Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg Malta	Portugal ¹⁵ Romania Serbia ¹⁶
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¹⁴ Including Åland Islands.

¹⁵ Including Azores and Madeira.

¹⁶ Excluding Kosovo administered by the United Nations.

Brazil Hungary Mexico Slovakia Bulgaria Iceland Namibia Slovenia Canada India New Zealand Spain 17 Chile Ireland Nicaragua Sweden Colombia Israel Norway Switzerland Costa Rica Italy Panama The Netherlands Croatia Japan Paraguay United States of America Cyprus Korea (Rep. of) Peru Uruguay

Czech Republic

2. The Director General publish the following List of Members recognised as having a controlled BSE risk in accordance with Chapter 11.4. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Chinese Taipei Greece Ecuador Russia

3. The Director General publish the following List of Members with zones¹⁸ recognised as having a negligible BSE risk in accordance with Chapter 11.4. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

China (People's Rep. of): a zone designated by the Delegate of China (People's Rep. of) in a

document addressed to the Director General in November 2013, consisting of the People's Republic of China, with the exclusion of

Hong Kong and Macau;

United Kingdom: one zone consisting of Northern Ireland as designated by the

Delegate of the United Kingdom in a document addressed to the

Director General in September 2016;

one zone consisting of Jersey as designated by the Delegate of the United Kingdom in a document addressed to the Director General in

August 2019;

4. The Director General publish the following List of Members with zones⁵ recognised as having a controlled BSE risk in accordance with Chapter 11.4. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

United Kingdom: one zone consisting of England and Wales as designated by the

Delegate of the United Kingdom in documents addressed to the Director General in September and October 2016 and in November

2021;

one zone consisting of Scotland as designated by the Delegate of the United Kingdom in documents addressed to the Director General in

September and October 2016 and in December 2018;

AND

5. The Delegates of these Members shall immediately notify WOAH Headquarters if BSE occurs in their countries or zones within their territories.

(Adopted by the World Assembly of Delegates on 30 May 2024 in view of an entry into force on 31 May 2024)

¹⁷ Including Balearic Islands and Canary Islands.

¹⁸ For detailed information on the delimitation of the zones of the Members recognised as having a negligible or controlled BSE risk, enquiries should be addressed to the Director General of WOAH.

Recognition of the African Horse Sickness Status of Members

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. During the 80th General Session, the World Assembly of Delegates (the Assembly) adopted Resolution No. 19, which amended the chapter of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (*Terrestrial Code*) on African horse sickness (AHS). These standards provide a pathway for Members or zones to be recognised by WOAH as free from AHS,
- 2. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 15, which specified and updated the procedure for Members to follow to achieve official recognition and maintenance of status for certain animal diseases, including AHS,
- 3. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 16, which specified and updated the financial implications for Members applying for evaluation of official recognition of animal health status to meet part of the costs defrayed by WOAH in the evaluation process,
- 4. During the 79th General Session, the Assembly noted that an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedures for official animal health status evaluations had been compiled by WOAH Headquarters for the benefit of Members,
- 5. During the 85th General Session, the Assembly noted a complete revision of the standard operating procedures providing further details on the process of official status recognition. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 6. During the 86th General Session, the Assembly noted an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedure for official recognition of animal health status of non-contiguous territories as part of a Member already having an official animal health status. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 7. Information published by WOAH is derived from declarations made by the Delegates of Members. WOAH is not responsible for the publication and maintenance of Members' or zonal animal health status based on inaccurate information or untimely reporting to WOAH Headquarters of changes in epidemiological status or other significant events subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom from AHS,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following List of Members recognised as AHS-free according to the provisions of Chapter 12.1. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Portugal²² Algeria Cyprus Kuwait Andorra Czech Republic Latvia Qatar Argentina Denmark Liechtenstein Romania Australia Ecuador Lithuania Singapore Austria Egypt Luxembourg Slovakia Azerbaijan Estonia Malta Slovenia Bahrain Finland 20 Malaysia Spain 23 Belgium Mexico France²¹ Sweden Bolivia Morocco Germany Switzerland New Caledonia Bosnia and Herzegovina Thailand Greece Brazil New Zealand The Netherlands Hungary Bulgaria North Macedonia (Rep. of) Iceland Tunisia Canada Norway India Türkiye (Rep. of) Oman

Canada
Chile
India
Oman
China (People's Rep. of)
Chinese Taipei

Norway
Oman
Paraguay
Peru
United Kingdom²⁴
United Kingdom²⁴
United Kingdom
Chinese Taipei

Colombia States of America 25

Kazakhstan Polombia United States of America 25

Croatia Kazakristan Poland Uruguay

Kazakristan Poland Uruguay

AND

2. The Delegates of these Members shall immediately notify WOAH Headquarters if AHS occurs in their countries or their territories.

¹⁹ Including Hong Kong and Macau.

²⁰ Including Åland Islands.

²¹ Including French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Réunion, Saint Barthélémy, Saint Martin, Saint Pierre and Miguelon.

²² Including Azores and Madeira.

²³ Including Balearic Islands and Canary Islands.

²⁴ Including Cayman Islands, Guernsey (incl. Alderney and Sark), Isle of Man, Jersey, Saint Helena and Falkland Islands (Malvinas). (A dispute exists between the Government of Argentina and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [see resolution 2065 (XX) of the General Assembly of the United Nations]).

²⁵ Including American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands.

Recognition of the Peste des Petits Ruminants Status of Members

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. During the 81st General Session, the World Assembly of Delegates (the Assembly) adopted Resolution No. 29, which amended the chapter of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (*Terrestrial Code*) on peste des petits ruminants (PPR). These standards provide a pathway for Members or zones to be recognised by WOAH as free from PPR,
- 2. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 15, which specified and updated the procedure for Members to follow to achieve official recognition and maintenance of status for certain animal diseases, including PPR,
- 3. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 16 which specified and updated the financial implications for Members applying for evaluation of official recognition of animal health status to meet part of the costs defrayed by WOAH in the evaluation process,
- 4. During the 79th General Session, the Assembly noted that an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedures for official animal health status evaluations had been compiled by WOAH Headquarters for the benefit of Members,
- 5. During the 85th General Session, the Assembly noted a complete revision of the standard operating procedures providing further details on the process of official status recognition. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 6. During the 86th General Session, the Assembly noted an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedure for official recognition of animal health status of non-contiguous territories as part of a Member already having an official animal health status. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 7. Information published by WOAH is derived from declarations made by the Delegates of Members. WOAH is not responsible for the publication and maintenance of Members' or zonal animal health status based on inaccurate information or untimely reporting to WOAH Headquarters of changes in epidemiological status or other significant events subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom from PPR,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following List of Members recognised as PPR-free according to the provisions of Chapter 14.7. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Argentina Denmark Liechtenstein Portugal²⁸ Australia Ecuador Lithuania Romania Austria Estonia Luxembourg Russia Azerbaijan Eswatini Madagascar Singapore Belgium Finland²⁶ Malta Slovakia Bolivia Mauritius Slovenia France²⁷ Bosnia and Herzegovina Mexico South Africa Germany Botswana New Caledonia Spain²⁹ Greece Brazil New Zealand Hungary Sweden Canada North Macedonia (Rep. of) Switzerland Iceland Chile Norway Ireland The Netherlands Paraguay Chinese Taipei United Kingdom³⁰ Italy Colombia Peru Korea (Rep. of) United States of Croatia **Philippines** Latvia America 31 Cyprus Poland Lesotho Czech Republic Uruguay

2. The Director General publish the following List of Members having a PPR-free zone³² according to the provisions of Chapter 14.7. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Namibia: one zone located south of the Veterinary Cordon Fence, designated by the Delegate

of Namibia in a document addressed to the Director General in November 2014;

AND

3. The Delegates of these Members shall immediately notify WOAH Headquarters if PPR occurs in their countries or free zone within their territories.

²⁶ Including Åland Islands.

²⁷ Including French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Réunion, Saint Barthélémy, Saint Martin, Saint Pierre and Miquelon.

²⁸ Including Azores and Madeira.

²⁹ Including Balearic Islands and Canary Islands.

Including Cayman Islands, Guernsey (incl. Alderney and Sark), Isle of Man, Jersey, Saint Helena and Falkland Islands (Malvinas). (A dispute exists between the Government of Argentina and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [see resolution 2065 (XX) of the General Assembly of the United Nations]).

³¹ Including American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands.

For detailed information on the delimitation of the zone of the Member recognised as free from PPR, enquiries should be addressed to the Director General of WOAH.

Recognition of the Classical Swine Fever Status of Members

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. During the 81st General Session, the World Assembly of Delegates (the Assembly) adopted Resolution No. 29, which amended the chapter of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Terrestrial Code) on classical swine fever (CSF). These standards provide a pathway for Members or zones to be recognised by WOAH as free from CSF,
- 2. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 15, which specified and updated the procedure for Members to follow to achieve official recognition and maintenance of status for certain animal diseases, including CSF,
- 3. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 16 which specified and updated the financial implications for Members applying for evaluation of official recognition of animal health status to meet part of the costs defrayed by WOAH in the evaluation process,
- 4. During the 79th General Session, the Assembly noted that an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedures for official animal health status evaluations had been compiled by WOAH Headquarters for the benefit of Members,
- 5. During the 85th General Session, the Assembly noted a complete revision of the standard operating procedures providing further details on the process of official status recognition. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 6. During the 86th General Session, the Assembly noted an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedure for official recognition of animal health status of non-contiguous territories as part of a Member already having an official animal health status. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 7. Information published by WOAH is derived from declarations made by the Delegates of Members. WOAH is not responsible for the publication and maintenance of Members' or zonal animal health status based on inaccurate information or untimely reporting to WOAH Headquarters of changes in epidemiological status or other significant events subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom from CSF,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following List of Members recognised as CSF-free according to the provisions of Chapter 15.2. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Argentina	Germany	Paraguay
Australia	Hungary	Poland
Austria	Ireland	Portugal ³⁵
Belgium	Italy	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Slovenia
Canada	Liechtenstein	0.0101.1.0
Chile	Luxembourg	

³⁵ Including Azores and Madeira.

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Costa Rica Croatia Czech Republic Denmark Finland³³ France³⁴

Malta Mexico New Caledonia New Zealand Norway

Sweden Switzerland The Netherlands United Kingdom³⁷

United States of America³⁸

Uruguay

Spain ³⁶

2. The Director General publish the following List of Members having CSF-free zones according to the provisions of Chapter 15.2. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Brazil:

one zone composed of the States of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina as designated by the Delegate of Brazil in a document addressed to the Director General in September 2014;

one zone covering the States of Acre, Bahia, Espírito Santo, Goiás, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro, Rondônia, São Paulo, Sergipe and Tocantins, Distrito Federal, and the municipalities of Guajará, Boca do Acre, South of the municipality of Canutama and Southwest of the municipality of Lábrea in the State of Amazonas as designated by the Delegate of Brazil in a document addressed to the Director General in September 2015 and in October 2020;

one zone consisting of the State of Paraná as designated by the Delegate of Brazil in a document addressed to the Director General in October 2020;

Colombia: one zone designated by the Delegate of Colombia in a document addressed to the Director General in September 2015;

the central-eastern zone as designated by the Delegate of Colombia in a document addressed to the Director General in October 2020;

Ecuador:

one zone consisting of the insular territory of the Galápagos as designated by the Delegate of Ecuador in a document addressed to the Director General in October 2018;

AND

3. The Delegates of these Members shall immediately notify WOAH Headquarters if CSF occurs in their countries or free zone within their territories.

³³ Including Åland Islands.

³⁴ Including French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte and Réunion.

³⁶ Including Balearic Islands and Canary Islands.

³⁷ Including Guernsey (incl. Alderney and Sark), Isle of Man and Jersey.

³⁸ Including Guam, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands.

Endorsement of Official Control Programmes for dog-mediated rabies of Members

CONSIDERING THAT

- During the 84th General Session, the World Assembly of Delegates (the Assembly) adopted Resolution No. 26, which confirmed Members' commitment towards the elimination of dogmediated rabies by 2030,
- 2. During the 87th General Session, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 27 establishing the endorsement by WOAH of an official control programme for dog-mediated rabies, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the chapter on infection with rabies virus in the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (*Terrestrial Code*),
- 3. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 15, which specified the procedure for Members to follow to achieve endorsement of their official control programme for dog-mediated rabies,
- 4. Through the Adapted Procedure 2020, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. 16, which specified the financial implications for Members applying for endorsement of their official control programme for dog-mediated rabies to meet part of the costs defrayed by WOAH in the evaluation process,
- 5. During the 79th General Session, the Assembly noted that an explanatory document outlining the standard operating procedures for official animal health status evaluations had been compiled by WOAH Headquarters for the benefit of Members,
- 6. During the 85th General Session, the Assembly noted a complete revision of the standard operating procedures providing further details on the process of official status recognition. The document has been published on the WOAH website,
- 7. Information published by WOAH is derived from declarations made by the Delegates of Members. WOAH is not responsible for the publication and maintenance of the endorsement of Members' official control programme for dog-mediated rabies based on inaccurate information or non-reporting to WOAH Headquarters of significant changes in the implementation of relevant measures in the Member subsequent to the time of endorsement of the official control programme for dog-mediated rabies,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES THAT

1.	The Director General publish the following List of Members with an endorsed official contr	0
	programme for dog-mediated rabies, according to the provisions of Chapter 8.15. of the	ne
	Terrestrial Code:	

Namibia	Philippines	Zambia
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2.	The Delegates of these Members mediated rabies, changes in the epcountries or territories in accordance	idemiological situat	on and other signifi	cant events in their
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Amendments to the WOAH Aquatic Animal Health Code

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. The content of the WOAH Aquatic Animal Health Code (the Aquatic Code) is the result of modifications made by the World Assembly of Delegates during previous WOAH General Sessions;
- 2. It is necessary to update the *Aquatic Code* in accordance with amendments proposed by the WOAH Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (Annexes 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 of Document 91 GS/Tech-06), after consultation with the World Assembly of Delegates.

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

- 1. To adopt the updates to the *Aquatic Code* proposed in Annexes 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 of Document 91 GS/Tech-06 in English, French and Spanish, each text being authentic;
- 2. To adopt the updates to the *Aquatic Code* proposed in Annex 8 of Document 91 GS/Tech-06 in English, French and Spanish, each text being authentic, with the following modifications:
 - 2.1. In Annex 8 (Chapter 1.3. 'Diseases Listed by WOAH')
 - a) Replace 'the genogroups of the virus species *infectious spleen and kidney necrosis virus*' with '*Megalocytivirus pagrus* 1'.
- 3. To ask the Director General to publish the adopted texts in a revised edition of the *Aquatic Code* with appropriate numbering and formatting.

Amendments to the WOAH Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. The content of the WOAH *Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals* (the *Aquatic Manual*) is the result of modifications made by the World Assembly of Delegates during previous WOAH General Sessions.
- 2. Members were asked for the comments of their specialists for each new or revised chapter of the *Aquatic Manual* before it was finalised by the Aquatic Standards Commission,
- 3. It is necessary to update the *Aquatic Manual* in accordance with amendments proposed by the WOAH Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (Annexes 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59 of Document 91 GS/Tech-06).

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

- 1. To adopt the following updates to the *Aquatic Manual* chapters proposed in the Annexes of Document 91 GS/Tech-06 in English, the text being authentic:
 - Chapter 2.2.0. 'General information (diseases of crustaceans)' (Annex 51)
 - Chapter 2.2.2. 'Infection with *Aphanomyces astaci* (crayfish plague)' (Annex 52)
 - Chapter 2.2.6. 'Infection with *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* nodavirus (white tail disease)' (Annex 53)

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In Table 4.4.1.1. 'Real-time RT-PCR: primer sequences and cycling parameters' for method 1, add "Reverse transcription at 37°C/60 min; 1 cycle 95°C/10 min" to the cycling parameters. For method 2 and 3, change the cycling parameters to "Reverse transcription at 42°C/60 min, 70°C/5 min; 1 cycle 95°C/10 min; 50 cycles of 94°C/30 sec, 58°C/30 sec, 72°C/30 sec"; and delete the table footnote: "(a)A denaturation step prior to cycling has not been included."

In Table 4.4.2.1. 'Conventional RT-PCR: primer sequences and cycling parameters' for methods 1 and 3, add "Reverse transcription at 52°C/30 min; 1 cycle 95°C/2 min" to the cycling parameters. For method 2, add "First step as for method 1" in the cycling parameters; and delete the table footnote: "(a)A denaturation step prior to cycling has not been included.".

Chapter 2.2.9. 'Infection with yellow head virus genotype 1' (Annex 54)

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In Table 4.4.1.1. 'Real-time RT-PCR: primer sequences and cycling parameters' delete the footnote: "(a)A denaturation step prior to cycling has not been included".

In Table 4.4.2.1. 'Conventional RT-PCR: primer sequences and cycling parameters' add "Reverse transcription at 50°C/30 min and 94°C/2 min" to the cycling parameters for all three methods. For method 2, add "35 cycles of 95°C/30 sec, 66°C/30 sec and 72°C/45 sec" in the cycling parameters for the nested step; and delete the table footnote: "(a)A denaturation step prior to cycling has not been included.".

Chapter 2.2.X. 'Infection with decapod iridescent virus 1 (DIV1)' (Annex 55)

Chapter 2.4.0. 'General information: diseases of molluscs' (Annex 56)

Chapter 2.4.1. 'Infection with abalone herpesvirus' (Annex 57)

Chapter 2.4.4. 'Infection with *Marteilia refringens*' (Annex 58)

Section 2.2.1 of Chapter 2.4.5. 'Infection with *Perkinsus marinus*' (Annex 59)

2. To ask the Director General to publish the adopted text in a revised edition in the on-line version of the *Aquatic Manual*.

Amendments to the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. The content of the WOAH *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (the *Terrestrial Code*) is the result of modifications made by the World Assembly of Delegates at previous WOAH General Sessions;
- 2. It is necessary to update the *Terrestrial Code* in accordance with amendments proposed by the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Annexes 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of Document 91GS/Tech-04), after consultation with the World Assembly of Delegates.

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

- 1. To adopt the updates to the *Terrestrial Code* proposed in Annexes 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of Document 91GS/Tech-04 in English, French and Spanish, each text being authentic;
- 2. To adopt the updates to the *Terrestrial Code* proposed in Annexes 9, 10, 12 and 17 of Document 91GS/Tech-04 in English, French and Spanish, each text being authentic, with the following modifications:
 - 2.1. In Annex 9 (Chapter 6.10.)
 - a) In the English version only, in Article 6.10.1., in the third paragraph, add 'good' before 'animal husbandry'.
 - b) In Article 6.10.3., point 2, in the fifth paragraph,
 replace 'which excludes growth promotion' with 'as defined in Article 6.9.2.'.
 - In Article 6.10.3., point 10, in the third paragraph,
 replace 'Veterinary Services' with 'The Competent Authority'.
 - In Article 6.10.3., in point 15 f),
 add 'the use of" after 'safe and effective alternatives to'.
 - e) In Article 6.10.6., point 3, in the first paragraph, remove 'exclude growth promotion and' after 'should'.
 - f) In Article 6.10.7., in point 1, remove 'and supply', and add 'and its supply' after 'antimicrobial agents'; replace 'farmers keeping' with 'breeders, owners and keepers of'.

g) In Article 6.10.7., in point 4,replace 'producer' with 'breeder, owner or keeper'.

2.2. In Annex 10 (Chapter 7.5.)

a) In Article 7.5.6., in the fourth indent,
 add a comma after 'adverse incidents'.

b) In Article 7.5.7., in the second paragraph,

In the English version only, add "to" after 'pain and';

replace 'in charge of" with 'carrying out';

replace 'and' after 'shackling' with 'or';

In the English version only, add 'of" between 'bleeding' and 'animals'.

- c) In the English version only, in Article 7.5.7., in the fourth paragraph, add 'the' after 'reduce'.
- d) In the English version only, in Article 7.5.13., point 3, in the third paragraph, remove 'to' after 'animals'.
- e) In Article 7.5.14., in point 2 g), replace 'referring to' with 'indicative of'.
- f) In Article 7.5.15., in point 2 d),replace 'referring to' with 'indicative of'.
- g) In Article 7.5.16., point 1, in the second paragraph,

In the English version, remove the first sentence 'Animals should only be stunned using stunning methods that have been scientifically validated as effective for stunning that species';

In the French version, remove the first sentence 'Les animaux doivent être étourdis uniquement au moyen de méthodes d'étourdissement qui ont été scientifiquement validées comme étant efficaces pour étourdir ces espèces'.

h) In the English version only, in Article 7.5.17., point 1, the first paragraph, in the last sentence.

add a coma after 'skull' and replace 'are' with ', is'.

- i) In the English version only, in Article 7.5.17., point 4, in the first paragraph, replace 'skull' with 'skulls'.
- j) In Article 7.5.19., point 4, in the first paragraph,In the English version only, add a coma after 'used';

replace ', as they can' with 'and'.

k) In the English version only, in Article 7.5.20., in point 3, title 'slaughter with stunning', in point c),

replace 'who' with 'that'.

I) In the English version only, in Article 7.5.24., in point 4,

add a comma after the 'fixtures'.

m) In Article 7.5.25. in point 2 c),

replace 'referring to' with 'indicative of'.

n) In Article 7.5.27. in point 2 d),

replace 'referring to' with 'indicative of'.

o) In Article 7.5.28., point 4, in the fourth paragraph,

replace 'Shackling should not be used with heavy birds such as parent flocks, turkeys or with birds that are more susceptible to fractures (e.g. end-of-lay hens).' by 'Shackling of heavy birds such as parent flocks, turkeys or birds that are more susceptible to fractures (e.g. end-of-lay hens) should only be operated by specifically trained staff with adequate equipment in a manner to minimise distress, fear and pain.'.

p) In Article 7.5.30., point 4, in the second paragraph,

add 'with field evidence' after 'scientific data';

add 'and conditions' after 'types'.

q) In Article 7.5.30. point 4.,

add [under study] at the end of the following paragraphs:

'Ducks, geese and quails should not be stunned at frequencies higher than 200 Hz.';

'Chicken and turkeys should not be stunned at frequencies higher than 600 Hz.'

r) In the English version only, in Article 7.5.33., point 1., in the first paragraph, delete 'of' after 'many'.

2.3. In Annex 12 (Chapter 8.8.)

a) In Article 8.8.1bis., in point 1,

replace 'UHT' with 'Ultra-high temperature (UHT)'

b) In the English version only, in Article 8.8.1bis., in point 2, add 'a' after 'in'.

- 2.4. In Annex 17 (Chapter 8.Z.), Article 8.Z.11.,
 - a) replace the proposed point 1 by the following:

- '1) the donor males:
 - a) showed no clinical sign of surra on the day of semen collection;

AND

- b) either:
 - i) have been kept for at least 90 days prior to semen collection in an establishment in which surveillance in accordance with Articles 8.Z.12., 8.Z.13. and 8.Z.14. demonstrates that no case had occurred during that period; or
 - ii) were subjected to an antibody detection test on a blood sample taken on two occasions, with an interval of 30 days, with negative results; '
- 3. To ask the Director General to publish the adopted texts in a revised edition of the *Terrestrial Code* with appropriate numbering and formatting.

Amendments to the WOAH *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. The Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals (Terrestrial Manual), like the Terrestrial Animal Health Code, is an important contribution to the international harmonisation of sanitary standards related to terrestrial animals and animal products,
- 2. Members were asked for the comments of their specialists for each new or revised chapter of the *Terrestrial Manual* before it was finalised by the Biological Standards Commission,
- 3. The Biological Standards Commission developed evidence-based criteria to be applied when deciding to maintain a chapter in the *Terrestrial Manual* on non-listed diseases

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

- 1. To adopt the following texts for the *Terrestrial Manual*:
 - 1.1.5. 'Quality management in veterinary testing laboratories'
 - With the amendments approved by the Assembly:
 - In Section A.3. 'Accreditation', point xiv) to replace "Has demonstrable competence to generate technically valid results" with "Effective risk identification and management system"
 - 1.1.9. 'Tests for sterility and freedom from contamination of biological materials intended for veterinary use'
 - With the amendments approved by the Assembly:
 - In Table 2. 'Some American Type Culture Collection strains with their respective medium and incubation conditions' to add two new lines (microorganisms): "Potato dextrose agar, *Aspergillus brasiliensis* ATCC #16404, 20–25°C, Aerobic" and "Nutrient agar, nutrient broth, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC #9027, 30–35°C, Aerobic"
 - In Section G.2.4. 'Example of a general procedure for detection of *Salmonella*' to replace "*Salmonella* spp." with *Salmonella* serovars"
 - 2.2.4. 'Measurement uncertainty'
 - 2.2.6. 'Selection and use of reference samples and panels"
 - 3.1.5. 'Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever'
 - 3.3.6. 'Avian tuberculosis' (Section C. 'Requirements for diagnostic biologicals' only)
 - 3.4.1. 'Bovine anaplasmosis'
 - With the amendment approved by the Assembly:
 - In Section A 'Introduction', to add the words "A. centrale" after the words "type species,"
 - 3.4.7. 'Bovine viral diarrhoea'
 - 3.4.12. 'Lumpy skin disease' (vaccine section only)

- 3.6.9. 'Equine rhinopneumonitis (infection with Varicellovirus equidalpha1)'
- 3.8.1. 'Border disease'
- 3.8.12. 'Sheep pox and goat pox'
- 2. To remove the following chapters from the *Terrestrial Manual* following application of the evidence-based above-mentioned criteria:
 - 3.2.4. 'Nosemosis of honey bees'
 - 3.3.6. 'Avian tuberculosis' (apart from Section C. 'Requirements for diagnostic biologicals')
 - 3.3.7. 'Duck virus enteritis'
 - 3.3.9. 'Fowl cholera'
 - 3.3.10. 'Fowl pox'
 - 3.4.13. 'Malignant catarrhal fever'
 - 3.6.4 'Epizootic lymphangitis'
 - 3.8.8. 'Ovine pulmonary adenocarcinoma (adenomatosis)'
 - 3.9.2. 'Atrophic rhinitis of swine'
 - 3.9.9. 'Teschovirus encephalomyelitis'
 - 3.10.2. 'Cryptosporidiosis'
 - 3.10.4. 'Infection with Campylobacter jejuni and C. coli'
 - 3.10.5. 'Listeria monocytogenes'
 - 3.10.6. 'Mange'
 - 3.10.8. 'Toxoplasmosis'
- 3. Once Section C. 'Requirements for diagnostic biologicals' of Chapter 3.3.6. 'Avian tuberculosis' is adopted, to transfer the information to Chapter 3.1.13 'Mammalian tuberculosis (infection with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex)'.
- 4. To request the Director General to publish the adopted texts in a revised edition in the on-line version of the *Terrestrial Manual*.

Designation of WOAH Reference Laboratories for terrestrial animal diseases

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. The WOAH's *Basic Texts* provide the Terms of Reference, designation criteria, and internal rules for WOAH Reference Laboratories,
- 2. The Terms of Reference of the WOAH Biological Standards Commission and the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission include the responsibility to examine applications from Members relating to the creation of new WOAH Reference Laboratories with activities corresponding to the Commission's scientific mandate and report its findings to the Director General.
- 3. All WOAH Reference Laboratory applications are assessed using standardised criteria that include: the institution's ability, capacity and readiness to provide services; the scientific and technical standing of the institution concerned at the national and international levels; the quality of its scientific and technical leadership including internationally recognised expertise; the institution's prospective stability in terms of personnel, activity and funding; the technical relevance of the institution and its activities to WOAH's programme priorities,
- 4. Details of the applicant laboratories that have been assessed by the WOAH Biological Standards Commission or the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission are published in the reports of the meetings of the Commissions,
- 5. All Reference Laboratory applications are endorsed by the WOAH Council,
- 6. Proposals for a major change in a WOAH Reference Laboratory follow the same procedure,
- 7. Article 4 of the Internal Rules for WOAH Reference Centres states that "Applications endorsed by the Council shall be presented to the Assembly for approval",

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

To designate the following new WOAH Reference Laboratories for terrestrial animal diseases and add them to the list of WOAH Reference Laboratories (available on the WOAH web site):

WOAH Reference Laboratory for sheep pox and goat pox

Exotic and vector-borne diseases (EXOVEC), Department of infectious diseases in animals, Sciensano, Uccle, BELGIUM

WOAH Reference Laboratory for rabies

Veterinary Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture, New Taipei City, CHINESE TAIPEI

WOAH Reference Laboratory for tularemia

Institute for Bacterial Infections and Zoonoses, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut (FLI), Jena, GERMANY

WOAH Reference Laboratory for leptospirosis

Livestock Disease Diagnosis Laboratory, Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI), Karnataka, INDIA

WOAH Reference Laboratory for peste des petits ruminants

Livestock Disease Diagnosis Laboratory, Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI), Karnataka, INDIA

WOAH Reference Laboratory for rabies

Laboratory for Emerging Viral Zoonoses, Research and Innovation Department, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale Delle Venezie, Legnaro (PD), ITALY

WOAH Reference Laboratory for salmonellosis

Central Veterinary Laboratory, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Windhoek, NAMIBIA

WOAH Reference Laboratory for theileriosis

Epidemiology, Parasites and Vectors, Agricultural Research Council, Onderstepoort Veterinary Research, SOUTH AFRICA

Designation of WOAH Collaborating Centres

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. The WOAH's *Basic Texts* provide the Terms of Reference, designation criteria, and internal rules for WOAH Collaborating Centres,
- 2. The Terms of Reference of each of the four elected WOAH Specialist Commissions include the responsibility to examine applications from Members relating to the designation of new WOAH Collaborating Centres with activities corresponding to the Commission's area of expertise,
- 3. All WOAH Collaborating Centre applications are assessed by the appropriate WOAH Specialist Commission using standardised criteria that include: the institution's ability, capacity and readiness to provide services; the scientific and technical standing of the institution concerned at the national and international levels; the quality of its scientific and technical leadership including internationally recognised expertise; the institution's prospective stability in terms of personnel, activity and funding; and the technical and geographical relevance of the institution and its activities to WOAH's programme priorities,
- 4. Details of the applicant institutions that have been assessed by a Specialist Commission are published in the reports of the meetings of the Commission,
- 5. All Collaborating Centre applications are assessed by the corresponding Regional Commission and endorsed by the WOAH Council,
- 6. Proposals for a major change in a WOAH Collaborating Centre follow the same procedure,
- 7. Article 4 of the Internal Rules for WOAH Reference Centres states that "Applications endorsed by the Council shall be presented to the Assembly for approval",

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

To designate the following new WOAH Collaborating Centres and add them to the list of WOAH Collaborating Centres (available on the WOAH web site):

WOAH Collaborating Centre for Fish Health Management in the Middle East Region Central Laboratory for Aquaculture Research (CLAR), Sharkia, EGYPT

WOAH Collaborating Centre for Reference Materials of Molecular Diagnostic Techniques in Aquatic and Terrestrial Animal Diseases

The National Institute of Fisheries Science, NIFS (under the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, MOF) and the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (under the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, MAFRA), KOREA (REP. OF)

WOAH Collaborating Centre for Field Epidemiology
Centre National de Veille Zoosanitaire (CNVZ), Tunis, TUNISIA

WOAH Collaborating Centre for Genome Monitoring of Swine Viral Disease National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), Manhattan, Kansas, UNITED STATES O AMERICA

Register of terrestrial animal disease diagnostic kits validated and certified by WOAH

CONSIDERING THAT

- During the 71st General Session of WOAH in May 2003, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. XXIX endorsing the principle of validation and certification of diagnostic assays for animal diseases by WOAH, and giving a mandate to the Director General to set up the specific standard procedures to be used before the final decision on the validation and certification of a diagnostic kit is taken by the World Assembly of Delegates,
- 2. The Resolution has established that 'fitness for purpose' should be used as a criterion for validation,
- 3. The aim of the WOAH procedure for the registration of diagnostic kits is to establish a register of recognised kits for WOAH Members and for diagnostic kit manufacturers,
- 4. WOAH Members need kits that are known to be validated according to WOAH standards to enhance confidence in kits,
- 5. The WOAH Register of recognised diagnostic kits provides greater transparency and clarity of the validation process and a means for recognising those manufacturers that validate and certify tests marketed in kit format,
- 6. According to WOAH Standard Operating Procedure, registration of diagnostic kits included in the Register has to be renewed every 5 years,
- 7. During the 74th General Session in May 2006, the Assembly adopted Resolution No. XXXII on the importance of recognising and implementing WOAH standards for the validation and registration of diagnostic assays by Members,
- 8. The *Validation Studies Abstracts* are available as Annexes 18 and 19 of the report of the Biological Standards Commission meeting of 5–9 February 2024 for the *Genelix™ ASFV Real-time PCR Detection kit*, and *Sentinel*® *ASFV Antibody Rapid Test*,
- 9. There are no Validation Studies Abstract for the Avian Influenza Antibody Test Kit (registration number 20080203), and the Newcastle Disease Virus Antibody Test Kit (registration number 20140109) as these are 5-year renewals without any additional data evaluation or changes.

THE ASSEMBLY

DECIDES THAT

1. In accordance with the WOAH procedure for registration of diagnostic kits and the recommendations of the Biological Standards Commission, the Director General proposes the inclusion in the WOAH Register of the following new terrestrial diagnostic kits certified by WOAH for a period of 5 years:

Name of the diagnostic kit	Name of the Manufacturer	Fitness for purpose
Genelix™ ASFV Real- time PCR Detection kit	Sanigen Co., Ltd (Korea [Rep. of])	The Genelix [™] ASFV Real-time PCR Detection kit is a product that qualitatively detects and confirms the diagnosis of African swine fever virus (ASFV) using a real-time PCR detection system in whole blood, serum, and tissues of swine suspected of being infected with ASFV.
Sentinel® ASFV Antibody Rapid Test	Excelsior Bio- System Incorporation (Chinese Taipei)	The Sentinel® ASFV antibody test is a qualitative lateral flow assay that detects African Swine Fever Virus (ASFV) antibodies in serum associated with current infection or an immune response to previous exposure in an individual pig, group of pigs or defined population of pigs. For use in conjunction with other tests or diagnostic procedures, as an aid in diagnosis or other clinical or epidemiological assessments.

2. In accordance with the WOAH procedure for the registration of diagnostic kits and the recommendations of the Biological Standards Commission, the Director General proposes to renew for a period of an 5 additional years the inclusion in the WOAH Register of the following diagnostic kits certified by WOAH as validated as fit for purpose:

Name of the diagnostic kit	Name of the Manufacturer	Fitness for purpose
Avian Influenza Antibody Test Kit (registration number 20080203)	BioChek (UK) Ltd	Fit for serological diagnosis of type A avian influenza in chickens (specific to IgG in serum) and for the following purposes:
		To demonstrate historical freedom from infection in a defined population (country/zone/compartment/herd);
		To demonstrate re-establishment of freedom after outbreaks in a defined population (country/zone/compartment/herd);
		To confirm diagnosis of suspect or clinical cases;
		4. To estimate prevalence of infection to facilitate risk analysis in non-vaccinated populations (surveys/herd health schemes/disease control);
		5. To determine immune status in individual animals or populations (post-vaccination).
		**The original registration Resolution No.27 was adopted in May 2008 by the World Assembly of the OIE/WOAH Delegates
Newcastle Disease Virus Antibody Test Kit (registration number 20140109))	BioChek (UK) Ltd	Fit to detect Newcastle disease virus specific IgG antibodies in chicken sera and for the following purposes:
		To demonstrate historical freedom from infection in a defined population (country/zone/compartment/flock);

Name of the diagnostic kit	Name of the Manufacturer	Fitness for purpose
		To determine immune status in individual animals or populations (post-vaccination);
		To monitor infection or disease in unvaccinated populations;
		4. To estimate prevalence of infection to facilitate risk analysis in non-vaccinated populations (surveys/ flock health schemes/disease control).
		**The original registration Resolution No. 29 was adopted in May 2014 by the World Assembly of the OIE/WOAH Delegates

WOAH List of Antimicrobial Agents of Veterinary Importance

CONSIDERING THAT

- 1. WOAH's List of Antimicrobial Agents of Veterinary Importance and WHO's List of Critically Important Antimicrobials were developed in response to the recommendations made during the FAO/OIE/WHO Expert Workshop on Non-Human Antimicrobial Usage and Antimicrobial Resistance held in Geneva, Switzerland, in December 2003 (Scientific Assessment) and in Oslo, Norway, in March 2004 (Management Options),
- 2. A preliminary version of the List was first adopted in May 2006, with resolution No.XXVIII adopted in May 2007. Subsequent revisions of the WOAH List were proposed for adoption through resolutions at the General Sessions in May 2013, 2015 and 2018,
- 3. In 2019, the adoption of Resolution No.14 at the 87th WOAH General Session replaced the *ad hoc* Group on Antimicrobial Resistance with a Working Group on Antimicrobial Resistance. This change was to ensure the sustainability of WOAH's Strategy on Antimicrobial Resistance and Prudent Use and to implement the recommendations made during the OIE 2nd Global Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance.
- 4. In 2024, the recommendations of the WHO List of Medically Important Antimicrobials (MIA List) were updated to include the AWaRe classification and the WHO Essential Medicines List, resulting in the move of phosphonic acid derivatives (e.g., fosfomycin) to the Highest Priority Critically Important Antimicrobials (HPCIA),
- 5. The Working Group on Antimicrobial Resistance revised the recommendations of WOAH's List of Antimicrobial Agents of Veterinary Importance to align with WHO MIA List following a One Health approach, as an essential contribution towards the development of guidelines for responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in both aquatic and terrestrial animals,
- 6. During its February 2024 meeting, the Working Group on Antimicrobial Resistance recommended that WOAH's Director General present the revised List for adoption during the upcoming 91st General Session.

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

- 1. To adopt the revised List of antimicrobial agents of veterinary importance presented as Annex 1 of the report of the WOAH's Working Group on Antimicrobial Resistance to the 91st General Session (Doc. 91GS Tech-03).
- 2. To request the Director General to publish the adopted WOAH List on the WOAH website.