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OIE UPDATE TO THE 58TH MEETING OF THE SPS COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)

The following communication, received on 7 October 2013, is being circulated at the request of the OIE.

The OIE is pleased to provide this update to the 58th meeting of the SPS Committee. The report summarises key developments in the OIE standard-setting work programme, with a focus on the September 2013 meeting of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Code Commission). The report of the Code Commission meeting will be available on the OIE website shortly. Key topics addressed at that meeting include:

1 CRITERIA FOR LISTING DISEASES

1. There was an extensive discussion during the OIE General Session in May 2013 with respect to delisting of vesicular stomatitis and swine vesicular disease from the OIE list. The OIE invited its member countries to provide their comments with relevant scientific rationale for retaining or removing these diseases from the OIE list. Reviewing the member comments submitted, the Code Commission proposed at the September meeting that these two diseases be delisted. The proposal will be sent to OIE member countries for comment.

2 ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

2. Considering the increasing importance of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in animal health and public health, OIE continues to tackle the issue under its mandates. Updating the OIE standards on AMR is an important ongoing role for the OIE. Four out of five chapters in the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Standards* dedicated to AMR have already undergone major revision and been adopted by the OIE member countries. The remaining chapter, which provides for risk analysis standards, was updated by experts. The Code Commission decided to circulate the updated chapter for member comments with an aim to adopt the chapter at the OIE General Session in May 2014.

3 CONTAGIOUS BOVINE PLEUROPNEUMONIA (CBPP)

3. In addition to official recognition for disease status of certain important animal diseases (African horse sickness, Bovine spongiform encephalopathy, Classical swine fever, CBPP, foot and mouth disease (FMD), and peste des petits ruminants (PPR)), the OIE provides its endorsement for national control programme for FMD and PPR with a view to support national efforts to eradicate these diseases. In response to member country requests, the OIE proposed to offer its endorsement for national CBPP control programmes. Necessary amendments were introduced in the CBPP chapter and are being circulated for member country comments before being presented for adoption at the 2014 OIE General Session.

4 INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF COMPETITION HORSES

4. In light of the growing need for facilitating temporary international movement of competition horses with effective management of the risk of disease spread, the OIE developed, in close

collaboration with relevant international organizations of this industry, draft standards for establishing a horse subpopulation with high health status. These proposed standards are based on the concepts of compartmentalisation and animal identification, both of which have already been incorporated in the OIE standards. The draft text is to be circulated for OIE member country review.

5 OIE CAPACITY-BUILDING: PVS PATHWAY

5. The OIE continues its global initiative to support member countries wishing to comply with quality standards of national Veterinary Services and Aquatic Animal Health Services (AAHS) by following the PVS Pathway. A summary of progress on PVS Pathway missions is attached as Annex.

ANNEX

A SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ON PVS PATHWAY EVALUATIONS

PVS Evaluation missions: State of play (12 August 2013)

	OIE members	PVS Evaluation requests received	PVS Evaluation missions implemented	Reports available for (restricted) distribution to Donors and Partners
Africa	52	53	50	38
Americas	29	25	22	18
Asia, the Far East and Oceania	32	19	18	11
Europe	53	16	16	12
Middle East	12	12	11	5
TOTAL	178	125	117	84

PVS Gap Analysis: State of play (12 August 2013)

	OIE members	PVS Gap Analysis requests received	PVS Gap Analysis missions implemented	Reports available for (restricted) distribution to Donors and Partners
Africa	52	43	36	21
Americas	29	15	10	10
Asia, the Far East and Oceania	32	15	11	7
Europe	53	8	6	2
Middle East	12	8	4	0
TOTAL	178	89	67	40

Veterinary Legislation: State of play (12 August 2013)

	OIE members	PVS Legislation mission requests received	PVS Legislation missions implemented
Africa	52	27	17
Americas	29	7	4
Asia, the Far East and Oceania	32	5	5
Europe	53	3	2
Middle East	12	4	4
TOTAL	178	46	32