

OIE STANDARDS, GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The OIE Central Bureau has provided the following information.

The documents containing the standards, guidelines and recommendations of the OIE are the following:

1. International Animal Health Code

Appendix 1 of the present document provides a summary of the *International Animal Health Code*. For each part, the date of adoption and the date of the latest revision is indicated as far back as 1983.

Any part for which no date is given therefore predates 1983, but this should not be taken to imply that it is in any way obsolete. This is the case, for example, for some general recommendations, which Member Countries may still refer to. Where no date is given for a chapter dealing with an animal disease it may be due to the fact that scientific progress on the subject has not been sufficient to warrant even a partial revision of the contents of the chapter.

2. Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines

The third edition of the *Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines* (the *Manual*) has been considerably expanded by the addition of introductory chapters and chapters for individual animal diseases. It also incorporates a preliminary chapter on biotechnology. The contents of the *Manual* have been studied by reviewers, OIE experts and specialists in Member Countries.

The OIE International Committee adopted the third edition of the *Manual* by means of a Resolution in May 1996. The third edition of the *Manual* was published in 1996.

3. International Aquatic Animal Health Code and Diagnostic Manual for Aquatic Animal Diseases

At the 64th General Session (May 1996), the OIE International Committee was unable to adopt the amendments to the *International Aquatic Animal Health Code* and *Diagnostic Manual for Aquatic Animal Diseases* proposed by the Fish Diseases Commission, due to delays in the receipt of comments from Member Countries.

Meeting in November 1996, the Commission agreed to most of the suggestions contained in these comments. In May 1997, the OIE International Committee was thus in a position to adopt, by means of a Resolution, the amendments to the aforementioned *Code* and *Manual* submitted by the Fish Diseases Commission.

As a result, revised editions of these two works will be published by the end of 1997.

A summary of the *International Aquatic Animal Health Code* is given in Appendix 2.

4. Recommended standards for the surveillance of animal diseases

The *Recommended Standards for Epidemiological Surveillance for Rinderpest* were adopted in 1991. A process of revision, which should not modify completely the general philosophy of the text, is under way.

At the 63rd General Session (May 1995), the OIE International Committee adopted the *Recommended Standards for Epidemiological Surveillance for Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia* developed by the Foot and Mouth Disease and Other Epizootics Commission, but at the same time asked the Commission to prepare an Annex to this text which would allow the time required before declaration of provisional freedom from the disease and from infection to be reduced to take into account the effectiveness of a country's surveillance system.

After the Annex had been prepared, it was considered preferable to integrate these terms into a revised version of the standards.

In May 1997, the OIE International Committee passed a Resolution adopting the suitably revised *Recommended Standards for Epidemiological Surveillance Systems for Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia*.

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