

TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMODITY-BASED TRADE OF BEEF IN KAZA

Opportunities for Integrating Livestock Agriculture & Wildlife Conservation

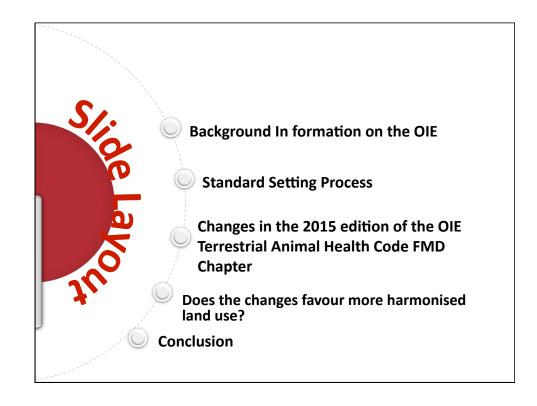
Changes in the 2015 edition of the OIE Terrestrial Animal
Health Code FMD Chapter in respect of More
Harmonized Land-Use

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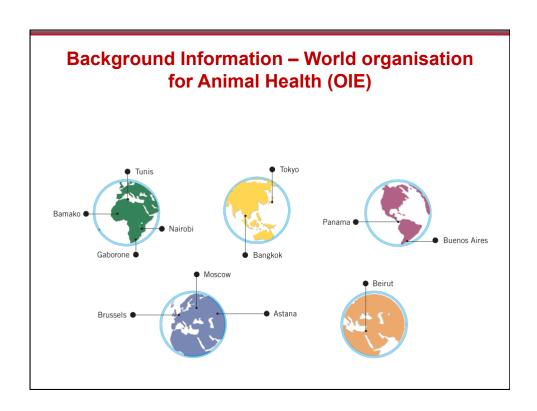


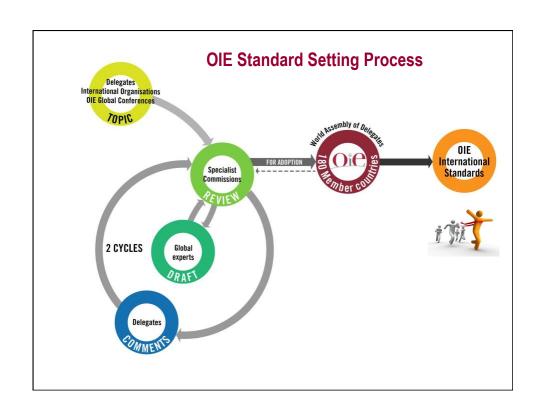
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Background Information – World organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

- Formed in 1924 as the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) to fight TADs (Rinderpest)
- In 2003 became the World Organisation for Animal Health, but retained acronym "OIE"
- Responsible for Animal Health, Welfare and Veterinary Public Health
 sets Standards for these
- Recognised by the WTO as a reference body for this mandate
- Currently 180 member countries (represented by their Directors of Veterinary Services – OIE Delegate)
- Operates through a network of Regional/Sub-Regional Offices & Reference Centres (= Ref Labs + Collaborating Centres)







Changes in the 2015 edition of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code FMD Chapter 8.8



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Important Definitions

- **1. Establishment** means the premises in which <u>animals</u> are kept.
- 2. Quarantine Station means an establishment under the control of the <u>Veterinary Authority</u> where <u>animals</u> are maintained in isolation with no direct or indirect contact with other <u>animals</u>, to ensure that there is no transmission of specified pathogen(s) outside the establishment while the <u>animals</u> are undergoing observation for a specified length of time and, if appropriate, testing and treatment.

The two should not be confused

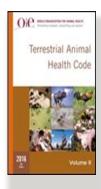
Important Definitions

- 3. Official Control Programme means a programme which is approved, and managed or supervised by the <u>Veterinary</u>
 <u>Authority</u> of a Member Country for the purpose of controlling a <u>vector</u>, pathogen or <u>disease</u> by specific measures applied throughout that Member Country, or within a <u>zone</u> or <u>compartment</u> of that Member Country.
- **4. OIE Endorsed Official Control Programme** Official Control program formally endorsed by the OIE *(FMD, PPR & CBPP)*
- 6. OIE Disease Status Recognition (or OIE Recognised Disease Status) Country/zone with a disease free status formally recognised by the OIE (FMD, PPR, CBPP, AHS, CSF, BSE & "Rinderpest")

The three should not be confused

Review and amendment of Chapter 8.8 (FMD Chapter)

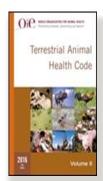
- Review commenced January 2012 following Member Country requests
- finally comments reviewed by;
 - Ad Hoc Group in a special meeting
 - Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (SCAD)
 - Code Commission
- Changes adopted by the World Assembly of Delegates in May 2015





Review and amendment of Chapter 8.8

- Several issues identified by Member Countries still pending and currently under discussion
- More clarity on susceptible species for purpose of Code - African buffalo only animal identified with persistent infection
- Added quarantine as risk mitigation if an establishment in an infected country/ zone cannot guarantee no contact between cattle/infected cattle/buffalo (Articles 8.8.12 and 8.8.22)





Chapter 8.8: Most noticeable changes related to livestock-wildlife interface

Articles 8.8.12 and 8.8.22

Article 8.8.12: Recommendations for importation from FMD infected countries or zones where an *official control programme exists*: For domestic ruminants and pigs

Article 8.8.22: Recommendations for importation from FMD infected countries or zones where an official control programme exists: For fresh meat of cattle and water buffaloes (Bubalus bubalis) (excluding feet, head and viscera)



Main change to accommodate possible contact with buffalo

• Common to articles 8.8.12 and 8.8.22:

".....were kept for the past 30 days in an establishment, and that FMD has not occurred within a 10 kilometre radius of the establishment during that period, or the establishment is a quarantine station;"

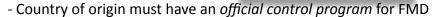
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- Accepted that 10km "no cases" where there are free ranging buffalo cannot be guaranteed
- Introduced "Quarantine" alternative to establishment



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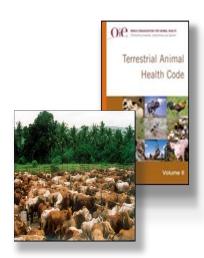
- For Article 8.8.12, additionally, serological and virological tests should be done while animals are in quarantine
- Other requirements of these articles maintained (with more clarity added): i.e.
 - 30 days quarantine,



- vaccination,
- post-slaughter risk mitigations, etc.
- Other changes made are not specific to the current topic

Further changes proposed by the Scientific Commission to Chapter 8.8 currently under consideration pending Member Country comments

- Compartment with vaccination
- Stray buffalo into free area not to penalise status
- Allow for larger containment zone
- Export of pig meat from an infected zone – same as for cattle – but other proposed provisions
- Establishment of temporary preventive zone in case of threat
- Movement of vaccinated cattle to free zone without vaccination



Does the changes favour more harmonised land use?

- Option of quarantine offers more flexibility where close contact with buffalo cannot be avoided
- Still requires vigilant pre- and post slaughter risk mitigation – applying HACCP principles
- Would in effect resemble a compartment with vaccination
- Could offer more opportunities for marketing and harmonising livestockwildlife interface



Conclusion

- standards are dynamic, influenced by the emergence of new scientific information
- Member Countries should participate fully in the standard setting process
- The OIE is committed to continuous improvement of the standards based on new scientific information

