

Coordination for the implementation of the “roadmap” for Veterinary Authorities

a) Coordination for the implementation of the roadmap at national level

A- The National Veterinary Services should conduct the followings:

A.1: Short term: 6 to 12 months

- 1- Harmonisation of national regulations in accordance with the OIE requirements (Terrestrial Code)
- 2- Identification of major equine diseases prevailing in the region and at risk: AHS, Glanders, EIA, EVA, EI, Dourine, piroplasmosis, ECM.
- 3- Implementation of registration and identification of all equids (full traceability).
- 4- Collection of all information needed in support of the risk analysis including WAHIS data and PVS reports.
- 5- Reinforcing disease surveillance network, and contingency planning, in support of disease notification (focal points) and implement awareness activities work of focal points.
- 6- Developing and enforcing the regulatory framework to support the immediate notification of OIE listed equine diseases by horses' owners and private veterinarians to the NVA.

A.2: Long term: Up to 2 years

- 7- Strengthening capacities of the veterinary services (e.g. PVS pathway). (OIE Equine mission: Diseases surveillance, Free status recognition, Self-declaration, HHP, EDFZ)
- 8- Reinforcing laboratory diagnostic tools, Laboratory twinning.
- 9- Coordination with Customs Authorities to simplify border measures in respect of Animal Welfare
- 10- Developing policies to ensure that border inspection posts are equipped with appropriate infrastructures and that competent veterinarians are permanently posted at border inspection posts.
- 11- Coordination between the public & private sectors, (Equestrian federation, racing authorities, Farmers/equine owners associations. Formalize Public-private partnership Formation of a joint committee with regular national coordination meetings (3 times a year) and close communication.
- 12- Planning regular training workshops on equine movement control including animal welfare procedures during transport. (OIE Code).
- 13- Establishment of Equine Diseases Free Zones (EDFZ) and implementation of the High Health High Performance Horses concept (HHP), to facilitate movement of competition horses for sport events

B- Coordination for the implementation of the roadmap at regional level.

- 1- Enhance collaboration of NVAs within FEI Group VII (e.g., focal points, in particular at border areas),
- 2- Identification of all relevant NVA contacts (“focal points”) and centralisation in a database of contacts
- 3- Harmonise national regulations in accordance with the OIE requirements (Terrestrial Manual and Terrestrial Code), in particular for sanitary requirements: vaccination, testing protocols, quarantine/isolation procedures.

- 4- Harmonise veterinary certificates for temporary importations of sports horses within countries of FEI Group VII (including transit & round trip)
- 5- Organisation for regular meetings, regional capacity building, networking and information exchange, reporting.

C- Coordination for the implementation of the roadmap at International level.

- 1- Continuous supervision and assistance of the OIE: Workshops on implementation of standards, PVS missions, Laboratory twinning,
- 2- Permanent dialogue with FEI, IHSC and IFAH to support regional activities,
- 3- Continuous support of national federations to Veterinary Authorities to improve implementation of Tasks especially in surveillance planning and dossiers' submission to OIE for official recognition.
- 4- Dialogue between OIE and other Authorities (e.g EU) to simplify measures with countries officially recognised as free from equine diseases.

D- The Way Forward:

- 1- The OIE Regional Representations will prepare for the regional members veterinary services, a questionnaire model for an action plan involving the short term issues of the roadmap. This plan will be distributed by the end of this year.
 - 2- A regional Workshop will be organised during the first semester of 2020, to update on the outcomes of the roadmap.
 - 3- Coordination with IHSC and FEI will continue to achieve the objectives described in the roadmap, in particular with the national equestrian sport authorities.
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