

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

### **A- Coordination for the implementation of the roadmap at national level**

#### **A.1: Short term: 6 to 12 months**

- 1- Harmonisation of national regulations in compliance with the OIE standards on horse movement, including the identification of the OIE *Terrestrial Manual and Code* Chapters related to horses that needs updating and submission of a discussion paper for the OIE Secretariat and Specialist Commissions.
- 2- Establishment of credible health certification(e-certificate) Implementation of registration and identification of equines especially horses.
- 3- Assessment of major equine diseases situation in the region and at risk: AHS, Glanders, EIA, EVA, EI, Dourine, piroplasmosis, CEM and Surra, to identify the risk of introduction/spread of these diseases, and the diagnostic capabilities, preparedness and contingency plans in countries from the region.
- 4- Collection of all information needed in support of the risk analysis including PVS reports, OIE official status and self-declarations of freedom from equine related diseases and WAHIS data.
- 5- Reinforcing disease surveillance network, and contingency planning, in support of prompt disease notification, early response and preparedness.
- 6- Implement awareness activities of focal points and develop regulatory framework to support and promote notification of equine diseases by horse’ 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 and OIE Equine missions to assess and promote activities with regard to diseases notification and surveillance, implementation of High-Health, High-Performance Horses (HHP) framework, and Equine Disease-Free Zone (EDFZ) approach and the preparation and submission of dossiers for self-declarations of freedom from equine related diseases and applications for the official recognition by the OIE of an African Horse Sickness (AHS) free status.
- 8- Reinforcing laboratory diagnostic tools (Laboratory twinning).
- 9- Coordination with Customs Authorities to simplify border inspection measures in respect of Animal Welfare.
- 10- Developing policies to ensure that border inspection posts are equipped with appropriate infrastructures and the register of availability of competent veterinarians are continuously updated and posted in real time.

11- Improve communications between Customs and Veterinary Authorities and the horse industry to better plan for border crossing to avoid delays and agree on possibility to submit the required documentation ahead of border inspection.

12- Coordination of activities between the public & private sectors (Equestrian federation, racing authorities, farmers/equine owners associations).

13- Planning regular training workshops on equine movement control including animal welfare procedures during transport taking into account the relevant provisions in the OIE *Terrestrial Code*.

14- Encouraging Members to establish Equine Diseases Free Zones (EDFZ) to host horse sports competition events and implement the High Health High Performance Horses approach as described in the Code chapter 4.17 to facilitate movement of competition horses. Also, conduct a review of the HHP concept to identify shortcomings perceived by the horse industry preventing its implementation.

15- Coordination with custom procedures in order to improve the efficiency of the temporary admission procedures for competition horses.

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

Creation of a regional working group, between Veterinary Authorities and sport federations (Equestrian and racing) to:

1- Identify issues for the movements of competition horses from the roadmaps and propose agreed ways forward to overcome these challenges and to enhance regular regional coordination, event's development, survey campaigns, measures implementation.

2- Identification of all relevant NVA contacts ("focal points") and centralisation in a database of contacts

3- Establishment of a regional Auditor Core Group to review import/export sanitary requirements for equine movement, such as vaccination, testing protocols, quarantine/isolation to find a common standard formulation for equine movement procedures.

4- Harmonise veterinary certificates for temporary importations of sports horses within countries of FEI Group VII (including transit & round trip).

5- Coordination with competent authorities, governmental and private, to facilitate the procedures for the temporary movement, transit crossings of sport horses.

6- Organisation for regular meetings, regional capacity building, networking, and information exchange, reporting.

7- The equine regional working group may include members of the regional core group for Middle East and North Africa from one side and board of the FEI Group VII from other side. The OIE regional and sub regional representations, will serve as coordinator for this committee.

## B- 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 to support regional activities,

3- Continuous support of national federations to Veterinary Authorities to improve implementation of tasks especially related to surveillance planning and dossiers' submission to the OIE for official recognition of free status, and the implementation of EDFZ and HHP tools.

4- Dialogue between OIE Regional Representatives and Authorities from other regions (e.g., EU) to simplify measures to transport horses between countries officially recognized as free from equine diseases.

5- Coordination with the world Customs Organisation (WCO) on the procedures for the implementation ATA carnet, including training on application procedures

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