

## **14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Upper Mekong Working Group on Foot and Mouth Disease**

### **Zoning and Animal Movement Management**

**Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, China, 23-25 April, 2019**

#### **DRAFT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. AGREE to revise the objectives of the UMWG in establishing FMD control zones to reflect the changes in the epidemiology and socio-economic development in the Mekong countries. Refocus the objectives until 2025 in strengthening cross-border cooperation on FMD surveillance, control and animal movement management.
2. AGREE to review/redefine the geographic scope of UM initiatives, setting aside the existing control and buffer zones, member countries to identify priority geographical areas for inclusion into the UM cooperation for FMD control.
3. REQUEST the OIE SRR to assist the member countries in drafting the Upper Mekong FMD Control strategy 2021-2025 being aligned with development of the SEACFMD Roadmap 2021-25.
4. NOTE the developments in the bilateral agreements on between China-Myanmar and China-Lao PDR, to officially allow the cross-border trade of livestock.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE the active participation of the livestock trader representatives in the meeting discussions to facilitate safe cross-border trade of livestock, and ENCOURAGE livestock traders and Country Veterinary Authorities to actively strengthen Public-Private Partnership to control FMD and promote safe livestock trade.
6. AGREE to continue to implement the priority activities identified to operationalize the Joint Statement on Animal Movement Management in the Great Mekong Sub-Region.
7. NOTE the OIE's initiative of the traders incentive study to support safer cross-border trade and AGREE to actively support its implementation and provide data as requested.
8. AGREE to elevate the profile of the Upper Mekong Working Group to become an Upper Mekong Commission (UMC) for FMD control under the SEACFMD Campaign, subject to approval of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission and development of its future governance mechanisms. Pending approval of the UMC, AGREE to keep the UMWG to continue the current initiatives for FMD control in the UM.
9. ENCOURAGE Member Countries to implement FMD control in the UM in close collaborations with other platforms involved in the control of other TADS such as ASF, CSF, PPR, and also in managing cross-border animal movement.
10. AGREE to implement PPP initiatives to enhance FMD surveillance and vaccination.
11. NOTE the support of partner organizations, particularly the FAO-China SSC, in the control of FMD in the UM.

12. NOTE that the conclusions and recommendations of the 14<sup>th</sup> UMWG will be presented to the May 2019 special meeting of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission for consideration.
13. REQUEST Lao PDR to host the next Meeting in 2020/21.
14. THANK the Government of Peoples Republic of China, the officials and staff of Yunnan Animal Science and Veterinary Institute for their hospitality and excellent hosting of the meeting.