



24th Meeting of the OIE Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease in South-East Asia and China

27-30 November 2018, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Sub-Commission:

Coordination and Programme Management:

1. CONGRATULATES Vietnam for being elected as the new President of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission at its 24th Meeting and THANK Cambodia for its leadership since the 23rd Sub-Commission Meeting;
2. AGREES to elect the two Vice-Presidents during a special meeting of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission at the side of the OIE General Session in May 2019;
3. NOTES the progress of the SEACFMD members in the prevention and control of FMD made since the 23rd Sub-Commission Meeting;
4. AGREES to further revise the Terms of Reference of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission based on the recommendation of the Regional Commission for Asia, Far East and Oceania to organize the Sub-Commission meetings every 2 years;
5. AGREES to review the implementation of the current SEACFMD Roadmap and start the process for the development of the new SEACFMD Roadmap 2021-2025 for submission at the next SEACFMD Sub-Commission meeting in 2020;
6. ENDORSES the recommendations from the Meetings of the National Coordinators in July 2017 and 2018, LabNet in October 2017 and EpiNet in 2018;
7. COMMENDS the active participation of Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal in the Meeting, and PURSUES to further engage countries from South Asia to attend future SEACFMD meetings to share information on their FMD situation and management activities;

Technical

International standards

8. NOTES the new provisions of the horizontal chapters of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* particularly relevant to FMD and ENCOURAGE Member Countries to implement them.

Progress along the PCP tool

9. NOTES the discussion on the PCP Status of PCP 1 countries and ENCOURAGE to implement measures to overcome the gaps identified for them to achieve PCP 2.

Vaccination:

10. NOTES the importance of quality control of vaccine in FMD control, and ENCOURAGES Member Countries to regularly monitor the vaccines used in the field and examine quality and efficacy of vaccines;
11. ENCOURAGES Member Countries to explore strategies to increase the buy-in of private sectors in the public-financed vaccination programme;
12. ENCOURAGES Member Countries to develop long-term strategic plan for FMD vaccination, NOTING that OIE is ready to provide technical support;

Disease surveillance and reporting:

13. ENCOURAGES Member Countries to evaluate the efficiency of disease reporting chain, and explore ways to improve feedback to outbreak reporting, which may include implementation of sound compensation scheme and rapid control measures;
14. OIE to organize studies to investigate the incentives of livestock owners in selected countries and to demonstrate the benefits of early disease reporting;

Diagnosis:

15. ENCOURAGES Member Countries to enhance the diagnostic capacity of National FMD Laboratory, such as set up lineage-specific real-time RT-PCR diagnostic methods;

16. ENCOURAGES research on cheap, easy-to-apply, field rapid diagnostic tests;

Communication and stakeholders engagement:

17. ENCOURAGES Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) activities to support FMD control; OIE to ACTIVATE the Private Sector Consultative Council (PSCC) of SEACFMD campaign and organize consultative meeting among members in the GMS to discuss safe trade of livestock in the region, and possibly draft guidelines and practical protocols to regulate cross-border movement of livestock;

18. NOTES the importance of sound communication in FMD control; OIE to support Member Countries to develop and implement effective communication strategy in the pursuit of stakeholder behavior change;

19. ENCOURAGES Member Countries to share success stories or pilot communication package in promoting animal health and disease control;

Animal movement management:

20. ENCOURAGES Member Countries to review and/or revise legislation and procedures to control animal movement;

21. SUPPORTS Member Countries to actively initiate bilateral/multilateral dialogs to share information on the management of animal movements and transboundary diseases, including by seeking mechanisms for coordinating and sharing details on animal identification that supports verification of official vaccination status for animal movement control;

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