

## SECTION 4 .

~~GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:~~ DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

## CHAPTER 4 . Z .

## INTRODUCTION TO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

## Article 4.Z.1.

Effective prevention and control of ~~contagious~~ infectious transmissible animal diseases, including zoonoses, is a central mandate of the *Veterinary Services* of each Member Country.

Comment: African Union recommends to amend the title as follows: INTRODUCTION TO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF **TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES**.

Rationale: To align with the content of the Chapter which focuses on transmissible diseases.

~~From the extensive experience in combatting contagious animal diseases,~~ *Veterinary Services* around the world, supported by significant progress in veterinary science, have developed and improved a number of tools to prevent, control and ~~sometimes even~~ eradicate them infectious transmissible animal diseases.

The following chapters of this section describe these tools and the ~~different aspects of~~ recommendations for disease prevention and control ~~to that should~~ be implemented by the *Veterinary Services*.

To effectively prevent ~~effectively~~ introduction and transmission of ~~contagious~~ infectious animal diseases while minimising potential negative impacts of *sanitary measures*, *Veterinary Services* should consider ~~devising a set of~~ developing measures ~~selected from based on~~ the recommendations ~~described~~ in this section, taking into account various factors including their impact on trade, animal welfare, public health and environment. In parallel with disease-specific sanitary measures, *Veterinary Services* should ~~take into account~~ consider relevant commodity-based *sanitary measures*.

Furthermore, although the general principles covering the measures described in this section are applicable to multiple diseases, *Veterinary Services* should adapt them to their circumstances, because characteristics of the pathogenic agents and the situations in which they occur differ between diseases and between countries ~~are different disease by disease and country by country~~. To this end, recommendations in this section should be read in conjunction with *listed disease-specific* recommendations in Sections 8 to 15.

*Veterinary Services* should ensure that any prevention and control programme be proportionate to the *risk*, practical and feasible within the national context and be based on *risk analysis*.

Prerequisites for ~~devising~~ developing such programmes ~~may~~ include:

- quality *Veterinary Services* including legislative framework, ~~and~~ *laboratory* capacity and adequate and committed funding;
- appropriate education and training to secure *veterinarians* and *veterinary paraprofessionals*;
- close link with research institutions;
- effective awareness of, and active cooperation with, private stakeholders;
- public-private partnerships;

- cooperation between *Veterinary Authorities* and other *Competent Authorities*:
  - regional cooperation among *Veterinary Authorities* on transboundary animal diseases.
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