

# TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION REPORT

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## GLOSSARY

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*:

### **Buffer Protection zone**

means a *zone* established to protect the health status of animals in a free country or *free zone*, from those in a country or *zone* of a different *animal health status*, using measures based on the epidemiology of the *disease* under consideration to prevent spread of the causative pathogenic agent into a free country or *free zone*. These measures may include, but are not limited to, vaccination, movement control and an intensified degree of ~~disease~~ *surveillance*.

### **Communication**

means the discipline of informing, influencing, and motivating individual, institutional and public audiences, preferably on the basis of interactive exchanges, about any issue falling under the mandate of the OIE and the competence of the *Veterinary Services*.

### **Crisis**

means a time of great danger, difficulty or uncertainty when problems related to any issue falling under the mandate of the OIE and the competence of the *Veterinary Services* require immediate action.

### **Crisis Communication**

means the process of providing information of potentially incomplete nature within time constraints that allows an individual, affected and/or interested parties, an entire community or the general public to make best possible decisions and/or accept policy decisions during a crisis.

### **Official veterinary control of live animals**

means the operations whereby the *Veterinary Services*, knowing the location of the *animals* and after taking appropriate actions to identify the identity of their owner or responsible keeper, are able to apply appropriate animal health measures, as required. This does not exclude other responsibilities of the *Veterinary Services* e.g. food safety.

### **Outbreak of disease or infection**

means the occurrence of one or more ~~cases of a disease or an infection~~ in an *epidemiological unit*.

### **Outbreak communication**

means the process of communicating in the event of an *outbreak*. Outbreak communication includes *notification*.

***Risk***

means the likelihood of the occurrence and the likely magnitude of the biological and economic consequences of an adverse event or effect to animal or human health ~~in the importing country~~ during a specified time period.

***Risk assessment***

means the evaluation of the likelihood ~~and~~ or the biological and economic consequences of entry, establishment and spread of a *hazard* within the territory of an *importing country*.

***Risk communication***

is the interactive exchange of information ~~on risk~~ and opinions throughout the *risk analysis* process concerning *risk*, risk-related factors and *risk perceptions* among *risk* assessors, *risk* managers, *risk communicators*, the general public and other interested parties.

***Sanitary measure***

means a measure, such as those described in various Chapters of the *Terrestrial Code*, destined to protect animal or human health or life within the territory of the OIE Member from *risks* arising from the entry, establishment ~~and~~ or spread of a *hazard*.

***Surveillance zone***

~~means a zone established within, and along the border of, a free zone separating the free zone from an infected zone.~~

~~The surveillance zone should have an intensified degree of surveillance.~~

***Veterinary para-professional***

means a person who, for the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, is ~~authorised~~ registered by the *veterinary statutory body* to carry out certain designated tasks (dependent upon the category of *veterinary para-professional*) in a territory, and delegated to them under the responsibility and direction of a *veterinarian*. The tasks ~~authorised~~ for each category of *veterinary para-professional* should be defined by the *veterinary statutory body* depending on qualifications and training, and according to need.