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CHAPTER 1.1.   
  
**NOTIFICATION OF DISEASES~~, INFECTIONS AND INFESTATIONS,~~ AND PROVISION OF  
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

# Article 1.1.1.

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code* and in terms of Articles 5, 9 and 10 of the OIE Organic Statutes, Member Countries shall recognise the right of the *Headquarters* to communicate directly with the *Veterinary Authority* of its territory or territories.

All *notifications* and all information sent by the OIE to the *Veterinary Authority* shall be regarded as having been sent to the country concerned, and all *notifications* and all information sent to the OIE by the *Veterinary Authority* shall be regarded as having been sent by the country concerned.

# Article 1.1.2.

1) Member Countries shall make available to other Member Countries, through the OIE, whatever information is necessary to minimise the spread of important animal diseases, and their pathogenic agents, and to assist in achieving better worldwide control of these diseases.

2) To achieve this, Member Countries shall comply with the *notification* requirements specified in Article[s 1.1.3.](#_bookmark1) and [1.1.4.](#_bookmark2)

3) For the purposes of this chapter, an 'event' means a single *outbreak* or a group of epidemiologically related *outbreaks* of a given ~~disease,~~ ~~disease,~~ *~~infection~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestation~~ listed disease* or *emerging disease* that is the subject of a *notification*. An event is specific to a pathogenic agent and strain, when appropriate, and includes all related *outbreaks* reported from the time of the ~~immediate~~ initial *notification* ~~within 24 hours~~ through to the final report. Reports of an event include susceptible species, the number and geographical distribution of affected animals and *epidemiological units*.

4) To assist in the clear and concise exchange of information, reports shall conform as closely as possible to the OIE disease reporting format.

5) The detection of the pathogenic agent of a *listed disease* in an *animal* should be reported, even in the absence of clinical signs. Recognising that scientific knowledge concerning the relationship between diseases and their pathogenic agents is constantly developing and that the presence of a pathogenic agent does not necessarily imply the presence of a disease, Member Countries shall ensure, through their reports, that they comply with the spirit and intention of point 1) above.

6) In addition to notifying new findings in accordance with Articles [1.1.3.](#_bookmark1) and [1.1.4.](#_bookmark2), Member Countries shall also provide information on the measures taken to prevent the spread of diseases~~,~~ *~~infections~~* ~~and~~ *~~infestations~~*. Information shall include *biosecurity* and ~~quarantine~~ *sanitary measures*, ~~and~~ including restrictions applied to the movement of *animals*, animal products, biological products and other miscellaneous objects which could by their nature be responsible for the transmission of diseases~~,~~ *~~infections~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestations~~*. In the case of diseases transmitted by *vectors*, the measures taken against such *vectors* shall also be specified.

# Article 1.1.3.

*Veterinary Authorities* shall, under the responsibility of the Delegate, send to the *Headquarters*:

1) I~~i~~n accordance with relevant provisions in the disease-specific chapters, *notification*, through the World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS) or by fax or email within 24 hours, of any of the following events:

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*a)* first occurrence of a *listed disease*~~,~~ *~~infection~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestation~~* in a country, a *zone* or a *compartment*;

*b)* recurrence of an eradicated *listed disease*~~,~~ *~~infection~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestation~~* in a country, a *zone* or a *compartment* following the final report that declared the *~~outbreak~~* eventended;

*c)* first occurrence of a new strain of a pathogenic agent of a *listed disease*~~,~~ *~~infection~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestation~~* in a country, a *zone* or a *compartment*;

*d)* recurrence of an eradicated strain of a pathogenic agent of a *listed disease* in a country, a *zone* or a *compartment* following the final report that declared the event ended;

*~~d~~e)* a sudden and unexpected change in the distribution or increase in incidence or virulence of, or morbidity or mortality caused by, the pathogenic agent of a *listed disease*~~,~~ *~~infection~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestation~~* present within a country, a *zone* or a *compartment*;

*~~e~~f)* occurrence of a *listed disease*~~,~~ *~~infection~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestation~~* in an unusual host species;

2) weekly reports subsequent to a *notification* under point 1) above, to provide further information on the evolution of the event which justified the *notification*. These reports should continue until the *listed disease*~~,~~ *~~infection~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestation~~* has been eradicated or the situation has become sufficiently stable ~~so~~ that six-monthly reporting under point 3) will satisfy the obligation of the Member Country~~;~~. F~~f~~or each event notified, a final report should be submitted;

3) six-monthly reports on the absence or presence and evolution of *listed diseases*~~,~~ *~~infections~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestations~~* and information of epidemiological significance to other Member Countries;

4) annual reports concerning any other information of significance to other Member Countries.

# Article 1.1.4.

*Veterinary Authorities* shall, under the responsibility of the Delegate, send to the *Headquarters*:

1) a *notification* through WAHIS or by fax or email, when an *emerging disease* has been detected in a country, a *zone* or a *compartment*;

2) periodic reports subsequent to a *notification* of an *emerging disease*:

*a)* for the time necessary to have reasonable certainty that:

‒ the ~~disease,~~ *infection* or *infestation* has been eradicated; or

‒ the situation has become stable;

OR

*b)* until sufficient scientific information is available to determine whether it meets the criteria for inclusion in the OIE list as described in Chapter 1.2.;

3) a final report once point 2) a)or 2) b)above has been ~~is~~ complied with.

# ~~Article 1.1.5.~~

~~1)~~ ~~The~~ *~~Veterinary Authority~~* ~~of a country in which an~~ *~~infected zone~~* ~~is located shall inform the~~ *~~Headquarters~~* ~~when this zone or the entire country becomes free from the disease,~~ *~~infection~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestation~~*~~.~~

~~2)~~ ~~A country or~~ *~~zone~~* ~~may be considered to have regained freedom from a specific disease,~~ *~~infection~~* ~~or~~ *~~infestation~~* ~~when all relevant conditions given in the~~ *~~Terrestrial Code~~* ~~have been fulfilled.~~

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~~3)~~ T~~he~~ *~~Veterinary Authority~~* ~~of a Member Country which establishes one or several~~ *~~free zones~~* ~~shall inform the~~ *~~Headquarters~~* ~~giving necessary details, including the criteria on which the free status is based, the requirements for maintaining the status and indicating clearly the location of the~~ *~~zones~~* ~~on a map of the territory of the Member Country.~~

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1) Although Member Countries are only required to notify *listed diseases*~~,~~ *~~infections~~* ~~and~~ *~~infestations~~* and *emerging diseases*, they are encouraged to provide the OIE with other important animal health information.

2) The *Headquarters* shall communicate by email or through the interface of WAHIS to *Veterinary Authorities* all *notifications* received as provided in Articles [1.1.2.](#_bookmark0) to [1.1.~~5~~4.](#_bookmark3) and other relevant information.

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