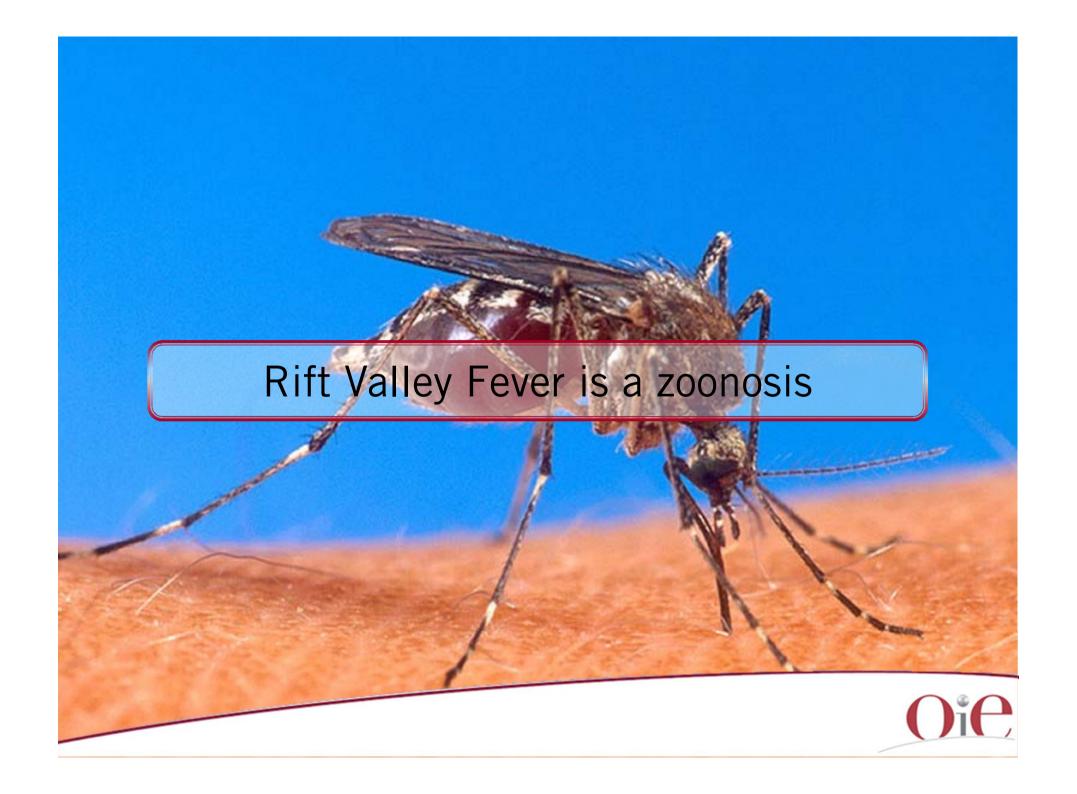


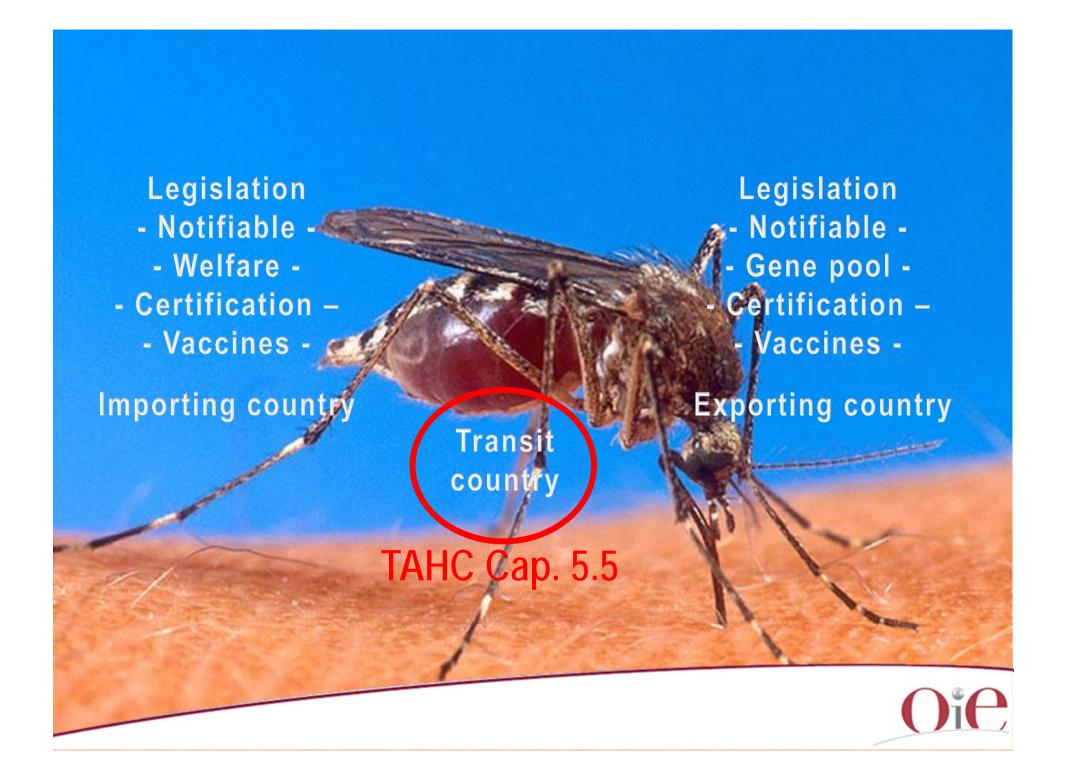
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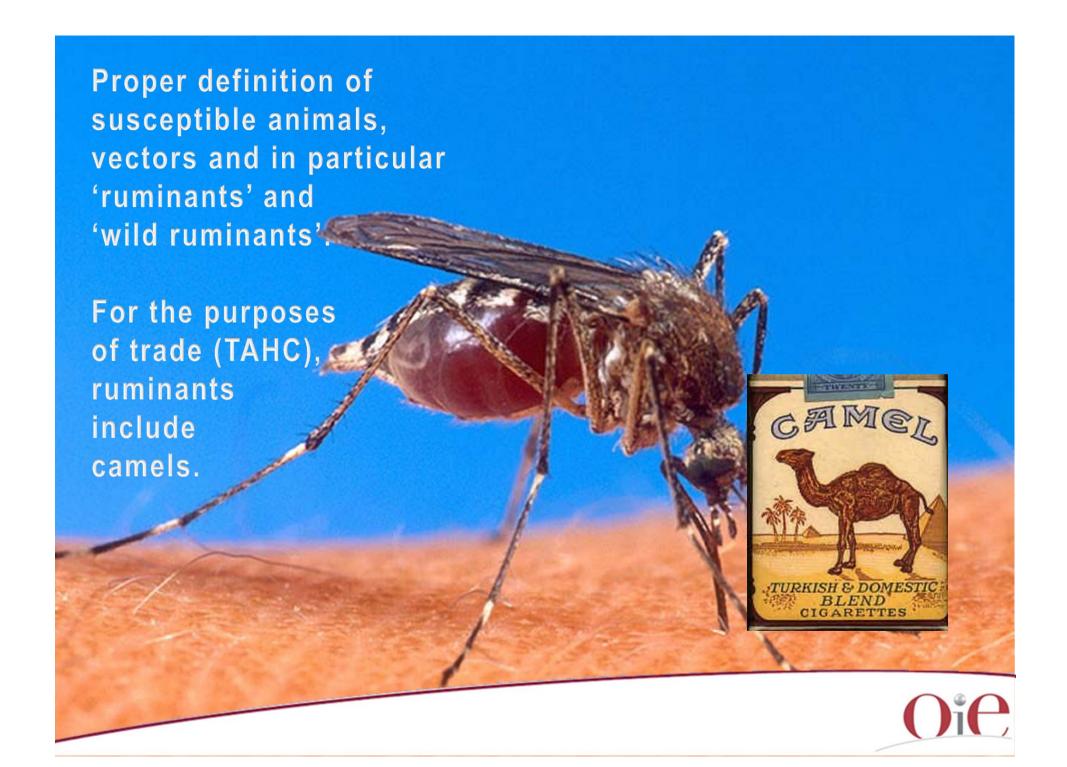
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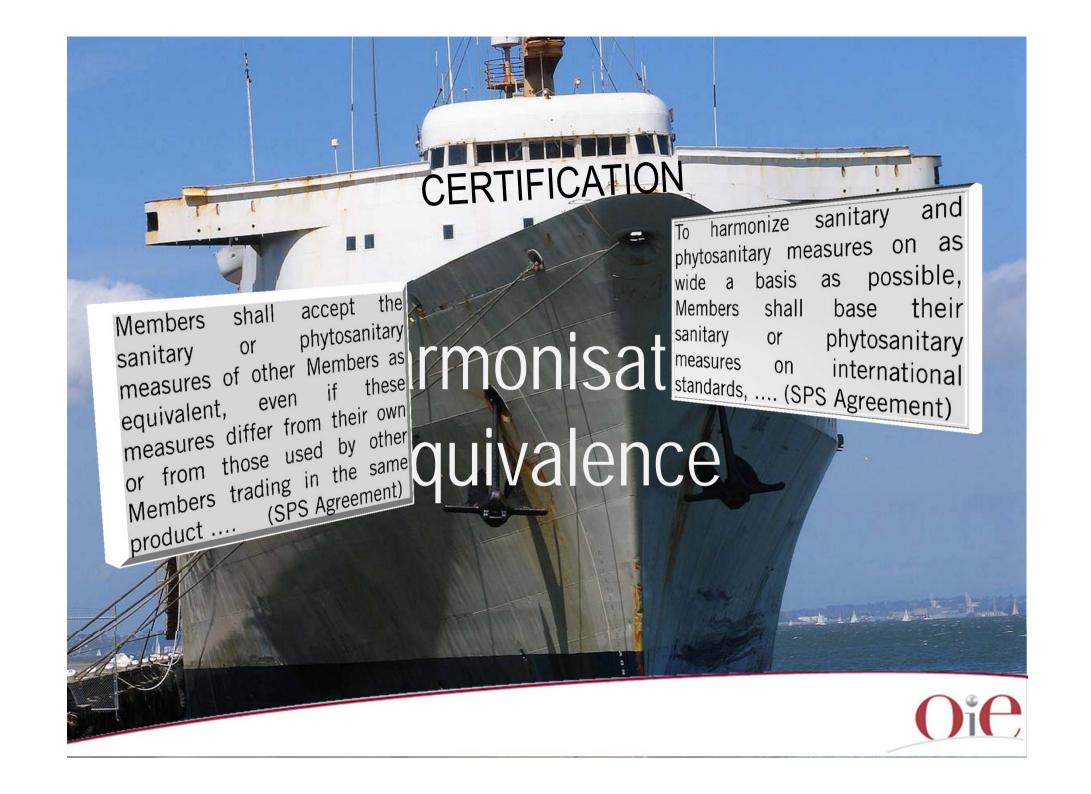
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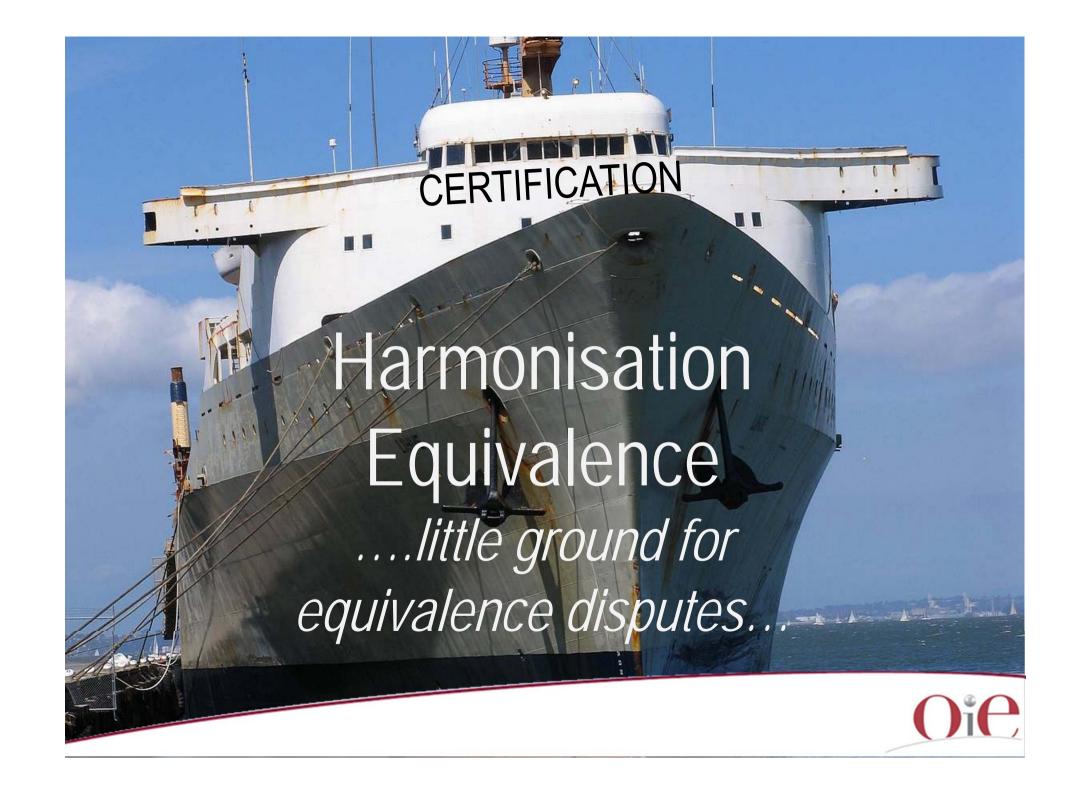












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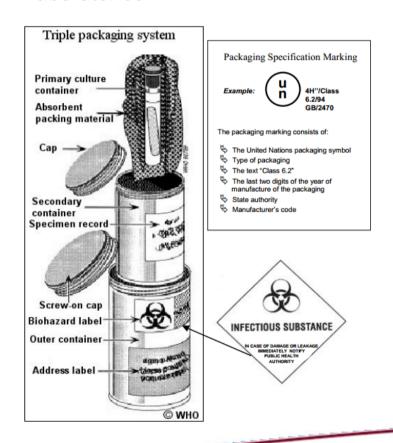
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 (BSL-3) guidelines are applicable in laboratories



- UN-64 containers are applicable to transport of samples (triple packaging)
- Standard precautions (Good Clinical Practice) apply to the manipulation of animals, patients or tissue/organs regardless of the infectious status. They apply to:
  - blood
  - all body fluid secretions / excretions
  - non-intact skin
  - mucous membranes

They include hand hygiene, use of gloves and protective clothing, environmental hygiene, safe disposal of waste and precautions for the prevention of sharps injuries.



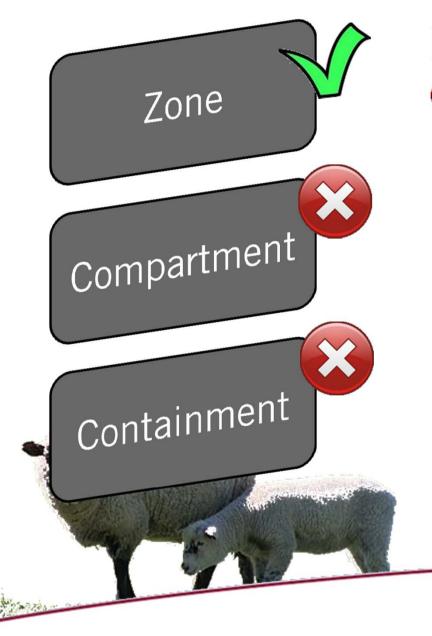




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