

# **Notification of Animal and Human Diseases**

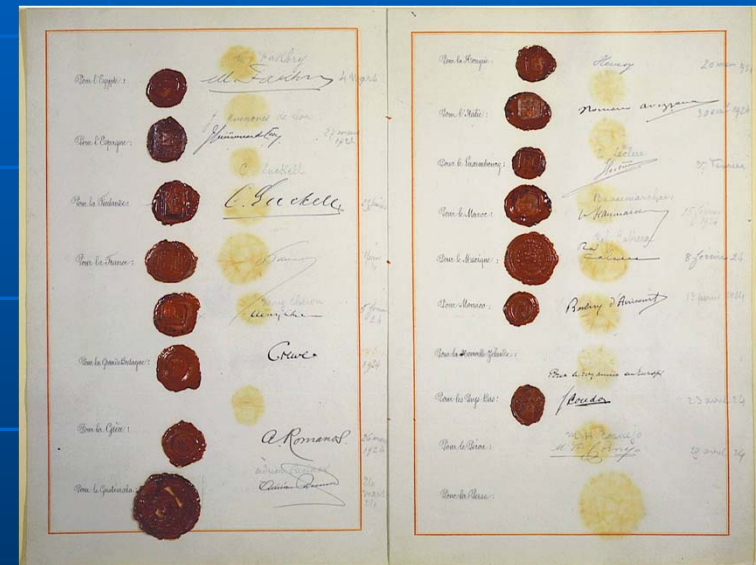
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**Global Legal Basis**

# Notification of Animal Diseases, including Zoonoses



- Since its creation in 1924 both the OIE and its Members have unconditional duties to disclose all relevant information about animal diseases
- These obligations are stated in the OIE Organic Statutes



# Notification of Animal Diseases, including Zoonoses



## ■ OIE Organic Statutes

- **Article 4:** OIE task is the collection of all facts and documents about the spread of diseases, their control measures and their notification to the government or veterinary authorities

## ■ OIE Organic Statutes

- **Article 9:** the OIE is required to inform its Member Countries automatically, on any information collected by the OIE, via bulletin or special notification. In urgent situations this information must be provided immediately

## ■ OIE General Rules

- **Articles 37 and 38:** practical expression to the monthly reporting obligations contained in Article 10 of the Organic Statutes

## Notification of Animal Diseases, including Zoonoses



- **Withholding facts on the incidence of diseases by the OIE – for whatever reasons - would constitute a violation of its Organic Statutes**
- The ratification of membership of the OIE gives Members obligations to provide information to the OIE that are international **legally binding obligations** (as per the OIE Organic Statutes)

# Notification of Animal and Human Diseases



- Disease notification mandate:
  - WHO for diseases of human through the International Health Regulations [IHR 2005]
  - OIE for animal diseases (including zoonoses) through the OIE Basic Texts and OIE International Standards (as laid down in Chapters 1.1. on notification of diseases and epidemiological information of the Terrestrial and the Aquatic Animal Health Codes)

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## WHO

- For diseases of humans
- **1951** - IHR (updated in 2005)
- Notification within 24h

## OIE

- For animal diseases (including zoonoses)
- **1924** - Notification obligations created through the signing of the OIE Organic Statutes and by adoption of the New Notification System in 2005 (OIE International Standards)
- Notification within 24h

# Notification of Animal and Human Diseases



## WHO

- Collect information from several sources and verify them with governments to obtain confirmation
- Members have a **legally binding obligation** to transmit information on disease events to the WHO

## OIE

- Collect information from several sources and verify them with governments to obtain confirmation (tracking)
- Members have a **legally binding obligation** to transmit information on disease events to the OIE

# Notification of Animal and Human Diseases



- Summary document published on the index OIE web page under:  
**Focus on...**
  - Both on OIE and WHO notification requirements
  - And on OIE Reference Laboratory role

