

**SENSITISATION ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE (CHAPTER  
8.8. OF THE WOA  
TERRESTRIAL CODE FOR COUNTRIES APPLYING  
FOR ENDORSEMENT OF OFFICIAL  
CONTROL PROGRAMMES FOR FMD)**

**Training Workshop on FMD epidemiology, diagnostics and  
surveillance for strengthening FMD control in Eastern  
Africa**

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# BACKGROUND

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## - Article.8.8.42

- A Member Country may, on a voluntary basis, apply for endorsement of its official control programme for FMD in accordance with Chapter 1.6., when it has implemented measures in accordance with this article.
- For a Member Country's official control programme for FMD to be endorsed by WOA, the Member Country should provide a description of an official control programme for the control and eventual eradication of FMD in the country or zone providing **documented evidence** that addresses:
  - ❖ **1. Epidemiology:**
    - the detailed epidemiological situation of FMD in the country, highlighting the current knowledge and gaps;

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- the main production systems and movement patterns of susceptible animals and their products within and into the country and, where applicable, the specific zone (means a part of a country defined by the Veterinary Authority), containing an animal population or subpopulation with a specific animal health status with respect to an infection or infestation for the purposes of international trade or disease prevention or control.;
- **2. Surveillance and diagnostic capabilities**
- FMD surveillance in place, in accordance with Chapter 1.4. and Articles 8.8.43. to 8.8.45.;
  - diagnostic capability and procedures, including regular submission of samples to a laboratory that performs diagnostic testing and further characterisation of strains;
  - serosurveillance conducted in susceptible species, including wildlife, to serve as sentinels for FMDV circulation in the country;

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## ❖ 3. Vaccination –

- a. Vaccination is compulsory in the target population and is practised in accordance with Chapter 4.18.;
- b. detailed information on vaccination campaigns, in particular:
  - i. the strategy that is adopted for the vaccination campaign;
  - ii. target populations for vaccination;
  - iii. target geographical area for vaccination;
  - iv. monitoring **and evaluation (PVM & E)** of vaccination coverage, including serological monitoring of population immunity;
  - v. the strategy to identify vaccinated animals;
  - vi. technical specification of the vaccines used, including matching with the circulating FMDV strains and description of the vaccine licensing procedures in place;

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- vii. if relevant, proposed timeline for the transition to the use of vaccines fully compliant with the standards and methods described in the Terrestrial Manual;
  - viii. the proposed strategy and work plan including the timeline for transition to the cessation of vaccination
4. The measures implemented to prevent the introduction of the pathogenic agent and to ensure the rapid detection of all FMD outbreaks;
  5. An emergency preparedness plan and an emergency response plan to be implemented in case of FMD outbreaks;
  6. Work plan and timelines of the official control programme;
  7. Performance indicators for assessing the effectiveness of the control measures to be implemented;
  8. Monitoring, evaluation and review of the official control programme to demonstrate the effectiveness of the strategies.

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- After satisfying all these requirements the country will be included in the list of countries having a WOAHO endorsed official control programme for FMD in accordance with Chapter 1.6.
- Retention on the list requires an annual update (reconfirmation) on the progress of the official control programme and information on significant changes concerning the points above.
- Remember one of the things we look for is Chapter 8.8.3.2 i.e. the Veterinary Authority must have current knowledge of, and authority over, all herds of domestic and *captive wild* susceptible animals in the country or zone;

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