



ELBARN Work Group 1, Rescue and Quarantine.

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Meeting with Dr. Sarah Kahn, Head of International Trade Department, OIE, 12, rue de Prony, 75017 Paris, France.

Attendant:

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Mrs. Waltraud Kugler, Chairperson ELBARN WG1

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Summary of discussion:

Compartmentalisation (Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 4.3) is the concept most

relevant for ELBARN.

The Compartmentalisation is principally accepted by the member countries.

Biosecure facilities

⇒ Should be identified

⇒ Logistic setup should be in place before any disease outbreak

OIE expects that countries can guarantee that animals kept in these facilities do not present

any disease risk. Any approved facilities for ELBARN would have to be approved by Vet. Authority of country.

Rare autochthonous breeds are not included in the Code up to now. A proposal to introduce a new text into the Code by European Vet services has a good chance of acceptance.

Suggestion to link "high genetic value breeds" (superior/elite) to rare breeds

Changes of the Code: There must be an official request made by delegates to the OIE for a

change in the code.

Contact should be made to the FAO, national Vet. Authorities and the EU.

As a first step contact should be made with EC DG-SANCO (Health and Consumers)

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Vet. Authorities: see OIE list of delegates

⇒ A link to this list should be included on the ELBARN website

⇒ Also make a link to the Terrestrial Animal health code

FMD is the most important disease in Europe and most likely to lead to culling of animals

⇒ FMD should be used as a "model disease" in creating Rescue Centres for

cases of epidemics. Creating a space to use in the case of all diseases is

not acceptable for Vet. Authorities

Vaccination is no solution, because it changes the Vet. Status of the country (from disease

free – if sick animals were culled - to not free because of the vaccine)

Full traceability is essential if a system like this is going to work. Animals need to be identified relating to farm of origin, owner, pedigree etc.

Zoostatus: may not protect the animals – as vaccination in zoos can also affect the sanitary

status of a country.

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