

# TRANSPARENCY ON ANIMAL DISEASES CHALLENGE YOUR PRECONCEPTIONS

"WHEN I NOTIFY A DISEASE EVENT,  
ALL MY MARKETS ARE SHUT DOWN."

**x FALSE**

According to the OIE Animal Health Codes and the WTO SPS Agreement, the trade embargos should only be established when relevant or justified. Proper notification allows Member Countries to provide details about any given disease situation and avoid unjustified trade bans.

"I MUST APPOINT A FOCAL POINT FOR ANIMAL DISEASE NOTIFICATION WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF PRELIMINARY KNOWLEDGE OF OIE DISEASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS."

**x FALSE**

Trainings on OIE principles and WAHIS use are regularly provided and an OIE e-learning platform is now available to support Focal points for Animal Disease Notification in gaining the necessary skills. Daily support is also available by contacting OIE Headquarters and Regional Representations staff.

The OIE World Animal Health Information System, **WAHIS**, allows you to notify animal disease information based on the OIE Codes, Manuals and Notification Procedures.

WHAT ARE THE REAL IMPLICATIONS FOR YOUR COUNTRY?

"WHEN I NOTIFY DISEASE EVENTS IN A TRANSPARENT WAY THROUGH TIME, MY COUNTRY GAINS ACCESS TO REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS."

**✓ TRUE**

Transparency demonstrates quality of Veterinary Services, ensures open communication with trade partners and builds trust.

"DETAILED NOTIFICATION HELPS RE-ESTABLISH TRADE WHEN AN EPIDEMIC ENDS."

**✓ TRUE**

Detailed notification avoids ambiguity and ensures open communication with trade partners. Immediate notifications, follow-up reports and final reports provide a useful bank of information for demonstrating transparency.

"TIMELY NOTIFICATION MEANS OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF DISEASE STATUS OF MY COUNTRY BY THE OIE."

**✓ TRUE**

A Member Country wishing to be officially recognised as disease-free by the OIE should comply with all requirements specified in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

LET'S NOTIFY THE OIE IN A TIMELY, TRANSPARENT AND DETAILED MANNER,  
IT IS IN YOUR COUNTRY'S INTEREST.