

RESOLUTION No. 33

The OIE Role in Maintaining World Freedom from Rinderpest

CONSIDERING

1. The adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates of Resolution No. 18 on the Declaration of Global Freedom from rinderpest in May 2011;
2. The need for the international community and national authorities to take the necessary measures to ensure that the world remains free from rinderpest;
3. The importance of reducing existing rinderpest virus stocks through the destruction of virus in a safe manner and/or the transfer of virus stocks to internationally recognised reference institutions;
4. That OIE has engaged with FAO in establishing a joint rinderpest advisory committee to provide technical advice to inform and oversee post-rinderpest eradication activities;
5. The clear need for transparency on information about remaining stocks of virus, vaccines and research involving manipulation of the virus;
6. That further revision of *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* Chapter 8.12 addressing these points was announced at the 79th General Session and that a revised text is urgently needed;
7. That revision of the *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals* Chapter 2.1.15 addressing diagnosis of rinderpest has been completed and adopted at the 80th OIE General Session (2012);

THE ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDS

1. That the relevant OIE Specialist Commissions complete the necessary revisions to the relevant chapters of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* and that these texts be submitted to the Assembly for consideration at the 81st OIE General Session.
2. That a limited number of OIE Reference Laboratories be appointed with an even geographical distribution.
3. That the OIE Reference Laboratory network provides services to OIE Member Countries to assist with destruction and/or sequestration of remaining stocks of rinderpest virus and that this network ensures global preparedness, surveillance and investigation of, and response to, suspect cases.