



23rd Meeting of the OIE Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease Control in South-East Asia and China

March 9-10, 2017, Siem Reap

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Sub-Commission:

Coordination and Programme Management:

1. NOTES the progress of the SEACFMD Members in the prevention and control of FMD made since the 22nd Sub-Commission Meeting and AGREES that the recommendations and views of the 23rd Sub-Commission to be incorporated into the draft 2017-2018 SEACFMD Action Plan;
2. ENDORSES the revised Terms of Reference of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission;
3. RECOMMENDS to invite neighboring countries from South Asia and East Asia to attend the next SEACFMD Sub-Commission meeting to present their FMD situation and share their experience in FMD control; AGREE to explore this proposal during the next OIE Regional Conference for Asia, the Far East and Oceania which will take place in Malaysia in November 2017;
4. ENDORSES the recommendations from the Meeting of the National Coordinators in August 2016 and Upper Mekong Working Group in February 2017;
5. AGREE to learn from the successful experience of South America in the FMD eradication, notably the importance of sustaining a regional governance and coordination mechanism and strengthening national veterinary service capacity building, the successful application of surveillance and mass vaccination tailored for the livestock production systems, as well as sustained political and financial commitment of

Member Countries and the strong private-public partnerships with the active involvement of farmers and producers; and that further joint activities could be developed to promote the exchange of this valuable experience between both regions

Technical

6. NOTES the recent changes in the global and regional FMD status and AGREES to assess the risk of incursions of exotic FMDV strains considering the recent incursions of FMDV O/ME-SA/India2001d and the potential greater threat posed by A/ASIA/G-VII given the current unavailability of suitable vaccines; NOTES the forthcoming *qualitative risk assessment of the possible incursion of exotic strains into the SEACFMD Member Countries* and AGREES to actively support this study and formulate risk-based control/prevention measures to mitigate the potential risks.
7. AGREES to continue to improve early detection, timely reporting and outbreak investigations of FMD outbreaks, collection of both quantified and qualified field samples and submission to OIE/FAO Reference Laboratories on a regular basis; RECOMMEND to base control measures on a sound epidemiological analysis of FMD occurrence and risks.
8. ENSURES that SEACFMD Member Countries understand and apply the SEACFMD EpiNet definition of FMD “outbreak”;
9. NOTES that implementation of the provisions of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* for FMD can be particularly difficult for less developed, endemic countries and NOTES that the OIE will launch a new project in 2017 to establish an "Observatory" which will aim to identify the constraints of an effective implementation of OIE standards in its Member Countries;
10. RECOMMENDS that socio-economic impact assessment be considered to better prioritize national livestock sectors or geographical zones for targeting resources and activities ;
11. RECOMMENDS that countries carry out the post vaccination monitoring.

PCP Evaluation and FMD Plans:

12. RECOMMENDS that countries in PCP Stage 1 assess more accurately the FMD situation at national level, including considering the added-value of serological surveys to identify the risk hotspots and by assessing the impact of FMD in the different production systems and zones;
13. NOTES the importance of a proper risk assessment in Stage 1 for the future success of the FMD programme and RECOMMENDS that countries completing PCP Stage 1 to consolidate their national plans and to base the control measures on the risks identified in Stage 1.
14. RECOMMENDS FMD free countries to continue to actively monitor and maintain their FMD free status, including updating and testing the contingency plans periodically.
15. NOTES that a template for Risk-Based Strategic Plans is available and that on-line trainings are accessible from the website of the European Commission for the control of FMD (EuFMD);
16. NOTES the results of the PCP Evaluation and ENDORSES the recommendations of the PCP Evaluation Committee;
17. RECOMMENDS that SEACFMD Member Countries explore ways to ensure the sustainability of their FMD national plan.
18. RECOMMENDS that SEACFMD Member Countries use the findings and recommendations from PVS Pathway missions to strengthen their Veterinary Services including for the effective implementation of their FMD national plan.

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20. THANKS the Government of Cambodia and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the General Directorate of Animal Health and Production for hosting an outstanding and successful meeting;
21. REQUESTS Vietnam to host the 24th Meeting of OIE Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease Control in South-East Asia and China in March 2018.