

CHAPTER 8.Y.

INFECTION WITH ANIMAL TRYPANOSOMES
OF AFRICAN ORIGIN

Australian Comments – indicated in blue font

Article 8.Y.2.

Safe commodities

When authorising the import or transit of the following *commodities* from a susceptible animal, *Veterinary Authorities* should not require conditions related to animal trypanosomes of African origin regardless of the status of the *exporting country or zone*:

Rationale: Edits made for grammatical reasons.

- 1) pasteurised *milk* and pasteurised *milk products*;
- 2) hair, wool and fibre;
- 3) gelatine;
- 4) horns, hooves and claws;
- 5) ~~meat products~~;
- 6) hides and skins (except raw).

Rationale: Conditions are applied to *meat* in the proposed chapter, indicating that *meat* is not a safe commodity. Therefore, Australia suggests that *meat products* should be removed from the list of safe commodities in Article 8.Y.2.

Article 8.Y.13.

Introduction to surveillance

Articles 8.Y.13. to 8.Y.16. define the principles and provide guidance on *surveillance* for *infection* with animal trypanosomes of African origin, complementary to Chapter 1.4. and to Chapter 1.5.

The purposes of *surveillance* could be the demonstration of the absence of *infection*, the early detection of *cases*, or the measurement and monitoring of the *prevalence* and distribution of the *infection* in a country, *zone* or *compartment*.

Vectors are an essential component of the epidemiology of animal trypanosomes of African origin. Therefore, the *surveillance* system should include a *vector surveillance* component to detect the presence and ~~the~~ estimate the abundance of tsetse flies. When appropriate, it should also allow the estimation of the *vector infection* rate with animal trypanosomes of African origin. *Vector surveillance* may also assist with the estimation of mechanical *vectors* abundance.

Rationale: Australia suggests replacing 'aim' with 'assist with' and removing 'the' in Article 8.Y.13 to improve readability and grammar.

Article 8.Y.14.

General conditions and methods for surveillance

2) The *surveillance* programme for animal trypanosomes of African origin should, at least:

- b) include ~~the conduct~~ random or targeted serological or parasitological *surveillance* appropriate to the status of the country or zone.

Rationale: Australia suggests deletion of '*the conduct*' from Article 8.Y.14 point 2.b) for grammatical reasons.