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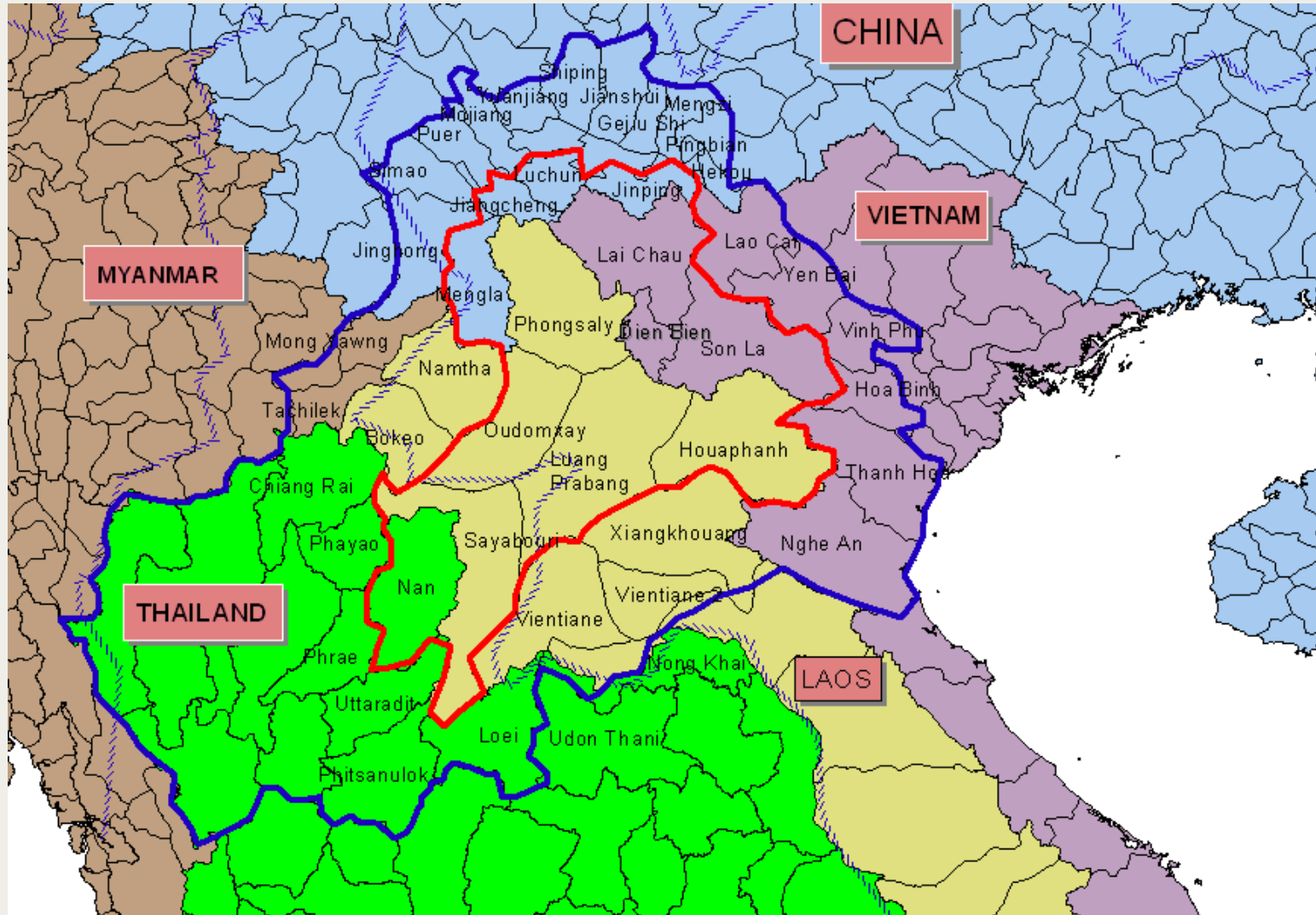


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# Upper Mekong Zone







# Upper Mekong Working Group Meetings

Year	Meeting	Country
2003	1st	Luang Namtha, Lao PDR
2004	2nd	Chiang Rai, Thailand
2004	3rd	Yunnan, China
2005	4th	Kyaington, Myanmar
2006	5th	Hanoi, Vietnam
2007	6th	Oudomxay, Lao PDR
2008	7th	Chiang Rai, Thailand
2009	8th	Mangshi, Yunnan, China
2010	9th	Hanoi, Vietnam
2012	10th	NayPyi Taw, Myanmar
2014	11th	Bokeo, Lao PDR
2015	12th	Vinh Phuc, Vietnam
2017	13th	Mandalay, Myanmar
2019	14th	Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, China
2024	15th	Luang Namtha, Lao PDR





# Joint Statement on harmonizing Procedures for Livestock Movement among Cambodia, China, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam (2016)



Signed on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Paris, France

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**Joint Statement on Harmonizing Procedures for Livestock Movement among Cambodia, China, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam**

We, the authorised representatives of the Veterinary Services of Cambodia, PR China, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, jointly agree on the approach to harmonizing procedures for livestock movement in our region.

This Joint Statement is drawn from discussions during the SEACFMD animal movement meeting held on 25 August 2015, in Qingdao, China, based on technical principles and the situation in each of our countries. While not legally binding, it is intended to provide guidance and direction to developing and improving management of livestock movement in our region.

We have reviewed current procedures for management of livestock movement in Member Countries, including problems and constraints, and considered the needs and opportunities for enhancement of these procedures as well as international support for such initiatives.

We acknowledge recent and future development of regional infrastructure that promotes rapid transport of commodities, including livestock, between countries. We recognize the increasing need to strengthen animal movement regulation and biosecurity procedures in the region, in order to control transboundary animal diseases, ensure food safety, and protect the health of animals and the public in our countries to achieve national, regional and global benefits.

**WE JOINTLY AGREE THAT:**

1. Veterinary Services of Member Countries shall develop, strengthen and improve procedures for managing the movement of livestock and their products in each country, in order to control transboundary animal diseases, promote food safety, and protect the health of animals and the public in our countries and our region.
2. Procedures for managing biosecurity and the health risks associated with the movement of livestock and their products, including international health certification, will be developed and harmonized based on the OIE Code and other international standards.
3. Bi-lateral or multi-lateral agreements on regional livestock movement and trade should be developed and implemented.
4. The Upper Mekong Working Group, coordinated by OIE Sub Regional Representation for South-East Asia, should serve as the focus for development of standardised protocols and procedures to support cross-border trade in livestock, including consideration of the development of control zones. The representatives of individual Member Countries on this group will be suitably supported by our respective Veterinary Services to assist in this important coordination work.

5. Veterinary Services continue to encourage technical collaboration and information sharing among Member Countries on managing the movement of animals and animal products, including biosecurity, animal identification, information systems, communication and import risk analysis.
6. International donors and partner agencies, including OIE and FAO, should continue to support capacity building in the region through workshops and training sessions, with assistance from relevant international experts.
7. We will continue to utilize various regional platforms such as the ASEAN+1 (ASEAN+China) and ADB-initiated Greater Mekong Subregion SPS Agreement, in pursuing the harmonisation of regional biosecurity and livestock movement management, including development and mutual recognition of control zones.

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## AGREED ON:

- Develop, strengthen and improve procedures managing movement of the livestock and their products each country
- Procedures for managing and the health risk associated with the livestock and their products will be developed and harmonized based on WOAHP code and other international standards
- Bi-lateral or multi-lateral agreements on regional livestock movement and trade should be developed and implemented
- Upper Mekong Working Group, should serve as the focus for development of standardized protocols and procedures to support cross-border trade in livestock, including development of control zones
- Encourage technical collaboration and information sharing among Member countries on managing the movement animal and animal products
- International donors and partners, agencies, including OIE and FAO continue to support capacity building in the region through workshops and training sessions with assistance from relevant international experts
- Will continue to utilize various regional platforms such as ASEAN+1 and ADB initiated Greater Mekong SubRegion SPS Agreement in pursuing the harmonization of regional biosecurity and livestock movement management including development and mutual recognition of control zones



# 14<sup>th</sup> of the Upper Mekong Working Group on Foot and Mouth Disease Zoning and Animal Movement Management



Xishuangbanna, China 23-25 April 2019

Joint Statement	Achievements				
	China	Lao PDR	Myanmar	Thailand	Vietnam
<p>1. Veterinary Services of Member Countries shall develop, strengthen and improve procedures for managing the movement of livestock and their products in each country, in order to control transboundary animal diseases, promote food safety, and protect the health of animals and the public in our countries and our region</p>	<p>upgraded laboratory for TADs diagnosis at the prefecture level</p> <p>Three control zones for trade at Mengla, Jinghong and Ruili</p> <p>Staff training for veterinary service</p> <p>established ELISA, Real time PCR for FMD, ASF, CSF, AI, PRRS at the prefecture level</p>	<p>Updated law on Veterinary and Livestock Matters 2016</p> <p>Updated import- export transit form</p> <p>Develop Import Requirement Guideline</p> <p>Allocated role and responsibility for International ( DLF) and In country ( PAFO) animal movement.</p>	<p>New Law on Animal Health and Livestock development under Parliament consideration</p> <p>Livestock (live animal) Trade policy and Trade SOP issued Oct 2017</p> <p>Designated local collection points within District</p> <p>Check Animal Health Status- animal health certificate (PC3)</p> <p>Trading animals are ear tagged - Animal Identification</p> <p>Animal Health Certificate (PC3)</p> <p>Established Quarantine station at Kukhai Township- operating</p>	<p>Increase the number of veterinarians into the local area</p> <p>Recruitment of veterinary assistants and veterinary volunteers to work closely with the farmers and also to increase the capacity of animal services</p> <p>Establishment of FMD vaccine distribution center in livestock cooperatives</p>	<p>Veterinary Law in 2015: Comply with OIE code</p> <p>Decree 35/2016/ND-CP of the Prime Minister dated 15 May 2016</p> <p>Circular No. 25/2016/TT-BNNPTNT dated 30 June 2016 of MARD: Procedures for managing movement of livestock and their products cross-border and within the country</p>
<p>2. Procedures for managing biosecurity and the health risks associated with the movement of livestock and their products, including international health certification, will be developed and harmonized based on the OIE Code and other international standards.</p>	<p>Quarantine and inspection procedures</p> <p>Vaccination, identification and certification (ear tag, record online to central data base)</p>	<p>Biosecurity guidelines for vaccinators and traders developed by DLF and copies have been distributed to generate awareness.</p> <p>Has farm standard guidelines for Cattle ,Pig and Poultry which includes biosecurity.</p> <p>Application of disinfectant spray at the international check point.</p>	<p>Recent Mission PVS OIE – (Assessed the general veterinary service capacity and access International Trade competencies to be considered )</p> <p>Quarantine station – Biosecurity procedures are issued how to operate</p> <p>Designated collection points – ensure biosecurity by Veterinary authority</p>	<p>Development of the certificate for FMD-free farm ☑ Can be move without disease testing</p> <p>Amendment of the legislation to include animal identification as the compulsory activities for every livestock spp.</p>	<p>Regulations: Same as previous slide</p> <p>Import procedures: international health certificate, origin certificate, vaccination certificate, quarantine, sampling</p>



## Joint Statement

## Achievements

	China	Lao PDR	Myanmar	Thailand	Vietnam
<p>3. Bi-lateral or multi-lateral agreements on regional livestock movement and trade should be developed and implemented</p>	<p>China- Laos agreement on cattle trade</p>	<p>Develop, negotiate bilateral agreement between Laos and China for International Cattle trade.</p> <p>Multilateral meeting on safer trade between Laos- China ,Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar 2016.</p> <p>Trilateral meeting between on safer trade Laos –China and Myanmar 2017 and 2018.</p>	<p>High level meeting for Mutual trade agreement China and Myanmar</p> <p>Negotiation and draft of the trade agreements are undergoing</p>	<p>Official bilateral agreement with Myanmar for importation of ruminants into Thailand</p>	<p>Bi-lateral Agreements with Lao, Cambodia???</p>
<p>4. The Upper Mekong Working Group, coordinated by OIE Sub Regional Representation for South-East Asia, should serve as the focus for development of standardised protocols and procedures to support cross-border trade in livestock, including consideration of the development of control zones. The representatives of individual Member Countries on this group will be suitably supported by our respective Veterinary Services to assist in this important coordination work.</p>	<p>one China-Laos Control zone</p> <p>two China-Myanmar Controls</p>	<p>Animal movement study by OIE and DLF</p> <p>FMD risk assessment study by OIE and DLF</p>	<p>We are in active participation for the harmonization of OIE standards, however lack of capacity</p>	<p>Monitor and ensure the animal health activities in the area are achieved according to the key performance indicator especially the vaccination coverage to cover all the animals in the risk area.</p> <p>Provide technical support during the disease outbreak in the area</p>	<p>Vietnam has developed a new legal system including protocols/procedures for cross-border trade and domestic movement control of livestock</p>

	Achievements				
	China	Lao PDR	Myanmar	Thailand	Vietnam
<p>5. Veterinary Services continue to encourage technical collaboration and information sharing among Member Countries on managing the movement of animals and animal products, including biosecurity, animal identification, information systems, communication and import risk analysis.</p>	<p>Three Technical training for GMS countries</p> <p>Three border training</p> <p>Provide vaccine and training for neighbouring villages on the border area.</p>	<p>Active participation in UMWG and SEACFMD meetings.</p> <p>Collaboration and coordination with OIE, FAO, RRL, donors</p>	<p>The Project support and educate on biosecurity measures- the training, posters, SOPs quarantine stations are developed</p> <p>Requirement to apply for license</p>	<p>Annual or biannual bilateral meeting with neighbouring country to update disease status and revision of bilateral agreement related to cross border movement</p>	<p>Actively involve in international technical activities (OIE, FAO)</p> <p>Shared information with other partner countries upon request</p>
<p>6. International donors and partner agencies, including OIE and FAO, should continue to support capacity building in the region through workshops and training sessions, with assistance from relevant international experts.</p>	<p>China-FAO SSC for TADs</p> <p>Lancang-Mekong Cooperation funding</p> <p>OIE-YASVI training on FMD in Laos and Myanmar</p>	<p>Technical trainings including improve surveillance, GIS, biosecurity, vaccination protocol, laboratory diagnosis and outbreak investigation</p>	<p>NZ funded FMD Control Project, Mandalay and Sagiang</p> <p>JICA – upgrade vaccine production / laboratory capacity</p> <p>KOIKA- FMD diagnostic capacity building</p> <p>STANDZ – Surveillance</p> <p>FAO- Trade Working group, trade policy, CAHW policy, CAHW accreditation</p>	<p>FETPV <sup>2</sup> Epidemiological training</p> <p>OIE workshop on animal disease control</p>	
<p>7. We will continue to utilize various regional platforms such as the ASEAN+1 (ASEAN+China) and ADB-initiated Greater Mekong Subregion SPS Agreement, in pursuing the harmonisation of regional biosecurity and livestock movement management, including development and mutual recognition of control zones.</p>	<p>ADB-YASVI trace cross border animal movement between China and Laos and China and Myanmar</p>	<p>Technical trainings including improve surveillance, GIS, biosecurity, vaccination protocol, laboratory diagnosis and outbreak investigation</p>		<p>Meeting of ASWGL <sup>2</sup> ASEAN Sectoral working on livestock 2018</p>	<p>Utilized recommendations from international experts/meetings</p> <p>Implemented SPS Agreement</p>





## 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Upper Mekong Working Group on Foot and Mouth Disease

### Zoning and Animal Movement Management

Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, China, 23-25 April, 2019

#### DRAFT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. AGREE to revise the objectives of the UMWG in establishing FMD control zones to reflect the changes in the epidemiology and socio-economic development in the Mekong countries. Refocus the objectives until 2025 in strengthening cross-border cooperation on FMD surveillance, control and animal movement management.
2. AGREE to review/redefine the geographic scope of UM initiatives, setting aside the existing control and buffer zones, member countries to identify priority geographical areas for inclusion into the UM cooperation for FMD control.
3. REQUEST the OIE SRR to assist the member countries in drafting the Upper Mekong FMD Control strategy 2021-2025 being aligned with development of the SEACFMD Roadmap 2021-25.
4. NOTE the developments in the bilateral agreements on between China-Myanmar and China-Lao PDR, to officially allow the cross-border trade of livestock.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE the active participation of the livestock trader representatives in the meeting discussions to facilitate safe cross-border trade of livestock, and ENCOURAGE livestock traders and Country Veterinary Authorities to actively strengthen Public-Private Partnership to control FMD and promote safe livestock trade.
6. AGREE to continue to implement the priority activities identified to operationalize the Joint Statement on Animal Movement Management in the Great Mekong Sub-Region.
7. NOTE the OIE's initiative of the traders incentive study to support safer cross-border trade and AGREE to actively support its implementation and provide data as requested.
8. AGREE to elevate the profile of the Upper Mekong Working Group to become an Upper Mekong Commission (UMC) for FMD control under the SEACFMD Campaign, subject to approval of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission and development of its future governance mechanisms. Pending approval of the UMC, AGREE to keep the UMWG to continue the current initiatives for FMD control in the UM.
9. ENCOURAGE Member Countries to implement FMD control in the UM in close collaborations with other platforms involved in the control of other TADS such as ASF, CSF, PPR, and also in managing cross-border animal movement.
10. AGREE to implement PPP initiatives to enhance FMD surveillance and vaccination.
11. NOTE the support of partner organizations, particularly the FAO-China SSC, in the control of FMD in the UM.
12. NOTE that the conclusions and recommendations of the 14<sup>th</sup> UMWG will be presented to the May 2019 special meeting of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission for consideration.
13. REQUEST Lao PDR to host the next Meeting in 2020/21.
14. THANK the Government of Peoples Republic of China, the officials and staff of Yunnan Animal Science and Veterinary Institute for their hospitality and excellent hosting of the meeting.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**