

# Overview of SEA activities concerning legislation review

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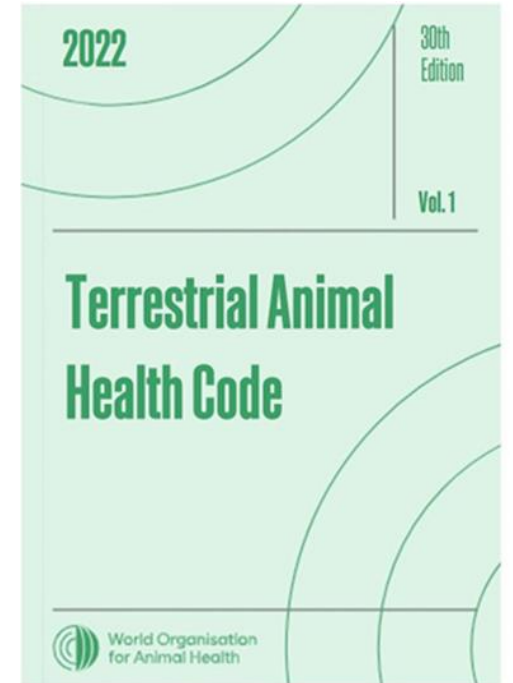


- WOAHA Standards on Veterinary Legislation
- WOAHA Veterinary Legislation Support Programme (VLSP)
- Recommendations of WOAHA Sub-Regional  
Workshop on Veterinary Legislation, Thailand (2016)
- Experiences in the region
- Summary

- **Veterinary legislation** means laws, regulations and all associated legal instruments that pertain to the veterinary domain. (WOAH Glossary)
- **Veterinary domain** means all the activities that are directly or indirectly related to animals, their products and by-products which help to protect, maintain and improve animal health, animal welfare and veterinary public health.
- WOAH TAHC Chapter 3.4 Veterinary legislation:
  - The objective of this chapter is **to provide advice and assistance to Member Countries** for use when **formulating or modernising** veterinary legislation so as to **comply with WOAH standards** and other **relevant international standards** and instruments, thus ensuring **good governance** of the entire **veterinary domain**.

## Terrestrial Code Chapter 3.4:

- Competent authorities (3.4.5)
- Veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals (3.4.6)
- Laboratories in the veterinary domain (3.4.7)
- Health provisions relating to animal production (3.4.8)
- Animal diseases (3.4.9)
- Animal welfare (3.4.10)
- Veterinary medicinal products (3.4.11)
- Human food production chain (3.4.12)
- Import and export procedures and veterinary certification (3.4.13)
- General: introduction and objective, definitions, general principles, drafting of veterinary legislation (3.4.1 – 3.4.4)





- **WOAH Veterinary Legislation Support Programme (VLSP)**
  - **Stage 1: VLSP Identification Missions (1 week) with 2 experts**
    - Can be requested by Member after having completed a PVS Evaluation
    - **Assess compliance** of a country's veterinary legislation with Chapter 3.4. on veterinary legislation of the WOAH Terrestrial Code
    - Identify gaps and provide **recommendations** for legal modernization
  - **Stage 2: VLSP Agreements (remote work and missions)**  
PREPARATORY PHASE (6 months) + IMPLEMENTATION PHASE (1-year/ renewable)
    - Can be requested by Member after having completed a VLSP Identification Mission
    - **Support in modernising** veterinary legislation
    - Strengthen the country's capacity in legal drafting



## Key Recommendations

1. Veterinary Services (VS) to make use of the PVS Evaluation and Gap Analysis to support the strengthening of Veterinary Services, as well as the VLSP for further development of veterinary legislation harmonisation in ASEAN Member States (AMS).
2. VS in AMS to consider harmonising their veterinary legislation based on OIE standards to promote trade of animals and animal products within the Asean Economic Community (AEC).
3. VS in AMS to conduct a veterinary legislation mapping exercise utilising the VLSP, where possible, for supporting further legislation development and reform in compliance with OIE standards.





# Key Recommendations

4. MS that completed a Veterinary Legislation Identification Mission should also consider a VLSP Agreement to receive support from the OIE in drafting new legislation based on gaps identified during the mission
5. VS in AMS consider developing national policies to promote the harmonisation of veterinary legislation.
6. The workshop report and recommendations will be presented by the WOAHA Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia (SRR-SEA) at the next meeting of ASWGL as key inputs in considering a step-wise approach for harmonisation of veterinary legislation in ASEAN.



- Legislation covers the mandate to investigate and implementation of control measures.
- African Horse Sickness (AHS) incursion : Definition of 'Animal' in the legislation
- African Swine Fever (ASF) response and recovery: Legislation on compensation
- Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam have developed new veterinary legislation, resulting from the WOAHP VLSP that includes a legal basis for a Veterinary Statutory Body (VSB)
- Legislation on the use of vaccine - Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) vaccines for emergency vaccination





- Chapter 3.4 provides the framework for the WOAH standards on veterinary legislation.
- The Veterinary Legislation Support Programme (VLSP), which supports WOAH Members with recognising and addressing their needs for modern, comprehensive veterinary legislation, is one component of the PVS Pathway.
- The lessons learned from previous experiences with infectious diseases response, capacity building work in the region underscore the critical importance of establishing appropriate legislation, consistently reviewing it, and ensuring its effective enforcement.
- The role and mandate of legislation in disease control in SEA – a legislation review (2023-24)

# Thank you

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