

28th Meeting of the WOAHA Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease in South-East Asia, China and Mongolia

29-30 July 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS



The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in South-East Asia, China and Mongolia (SEACFMD) held its 28th Meeting from 29 – 30 July 2026 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The meeting was attended by the SEACFMD Sub-Commission Members and National Coordinators, Non-SEACFMD Members, participants from WOAHA (HQ, RRAP and SRRSEA) and partners including donors, WOAHA Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres, Research Institutions, Universities and the private sector including vaccine manufacturers.

Considering

- the successful implementation of the SEACFMD Roadmap 2021–2025, including the endorsement of SEACFMD Roadmap 2026 – 2030 and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework;
- the current global and regional epidemiological situation of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), including the continuing spread of the O/ME-SA/SA-2018 lineage from South Asia into the Middle East, and the emergence and spread of SAT1 and SAT2 from Africa into the Middle East, West Asia and Asia;
- the re-emergence of FMD Serotype A in South-East Asia, including Malaysia and Vietnam;
- the need to prepare for possible incursions of FMD SAT1 and other exotic strains;
- the current FMD status and Progressive Control Pathway for FMD (PCP-FMD) stages of SEACFMD Member Countries;

- the development of the Global FMD Control Strategy and the importance of taking into account the priorities and strategic directions outlined in the SEACFMD Roadmap 2026–2030;
- the development of the WOAHP overarching framework on animal movement management and the ongoing regional animal movement study in South-East Asia;
- the importance of strengthening public-private partnerships and increasing private sector engagement, including livestock industries and vaccine manufacturers, in the prevention and control of FMD;
- the importance of understanding animal movement pathways, livestock value chains and disease hotspots to support risk-based disease prevention and control;
- the importance of regional coordination, cross-border collaboration and cluster-based approaches among neighbouring countries to strengthen FMD control and facilitate safe trade;
- the importance of regional collaboration for the prevention and control of FMD and other transboundary animal diseases (TADs);
- the recommendations arising from the successive SEACFMD Governance Meetings; and
- the deliberations and outcomes of the 28th Meeting of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission.

The Sub-Commission:

Coordination and Programme Management:

1. CONGRATULATES the following Members for being elected to various SEACFMD Sub-Commission Positions at its 28th Meeting:
 - Mongolia as the new President of the SEACFMD Sub-Commission
 - Indonesia and Singapore as the Vice Presidents
 - Lao PDR and Vietnam as additional members of the SEACFMD Steering Committee;
2. THANKS Thailand (outgoing President), Malaysia (outgoing Vice President) and Singapore (continuing its term as Vice President), Brunei and Indonesia (outgoing additional member of the Steering Committee) for their leadership since the 27th SEACFMD Sub-Commission meeting in September 2024;
3. NOTES the progress of the sixth phase of the SEACFMD campaign from 2021 – 2025 under the guidance of Roadmap 2021 – 2025;
4. ENDORSES the:
 - ✓ SEACFMD Roadmap 2026 – 2030 Implementation Plan;
 - ✓ Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework and its baseline indicators;
 - ✓ Priority actions recommended for 2026 and 2027;
 - ✓ Terms of reference for Malaysia, Thailand and Myanmar (MTM) Working Group for FMD control;
5. AGREES to align National FMD Control Plan with the SEACFMD Roadmap 2026 – 2030 and use this Roadmap for securing funding support from their respective Government;
6. NOTES and ENDORSES the recommendations of the 27th Meeting of the National Coordinators in August 2025 in Lao PDR; the SEACFMD EpiNet Meeting held in May 2025 in

China; the Upper Mekong Working Group Meeting back to back with SEACFMD Private Sector Consultative Committee Meeting held in Thailand in April 2026; and the First In-Person MTM Working Group Meeting held in Thailand in July 2026;

7. COMMENDS the active participation of Non-SEACFMD Members in the Meeting, and continued collaboration between SEACFMD and non-SEACFMD Members in Asia-Pacific region to enhance FMD control;
8. COMMENDS the active participation of the partners and private sectors in the meeting, and continued collaboration to enhance effective control of FMD in the region through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs);
9. COMMENDS the reactivation of MTM initiative for FMD control and Regional Expert Group for FMD;
10. NOTES the Global FMD Strategy revision process and consider opportunities to provide feedback that ensures the revised strategy reflects regional priorities and implementation needs;
11. AGREES that Public-Private partnership should have mutual benefits for both public and private sectors with enabling regulatory framework and a program with clear vision and goals.

Technical

12. NOTES the existing PCP-FMD Stage and FMD status of SEACFMD Members; and ENCOURAGES Members to work towards progressing to next PCP stages or to maintain FMD free status;
 - Cambodia and Indonesia to develop FMD Risk-based Strategic Plan to progress to PCP stage 2;
 - Lao PDR and Myanmar to develop Official Control Programmes to progress to PCP stage 3;
 - Malaysia, Vietnam and China to submit dossiers for WOAHA endorsed Official Control Programme (to progress to PCP stage 4);
 - Brunei, The Philippines, Singapore and disease free zone of Sabah and Sarawak in Malaysia to maintain their FMD free status (without vaccination) and Thailand and Mongolia to maintain its Endorsed Official Control Program with timely submission of Annual Reconfirmation in line with WOAHA standards;
13. AGREES that Members should conduct thorough investigations of all suspected FMD outbreaks, including collection of appropriate samples from clinically affected animals, use lineage-specific PCR where available, and submit samples to Reference Laboratories with sequencing capacity to determine the virus serotype and lineage (at least VP1 sequencing);
14. RECOMMENDS that Members utilise OpenFMD for submitting sequence data and phylogenetic analysis and seek technical and financial support from WOAHA and FAO, where required, for sample collection, laboratory analysis and shipment;
15. ENCOURAGES Members to implement post-vaccination monitoring (PVM) to evaluate vaccine effectiveness under field conditions and strengthen vaccination programmes, ensuring that comprehensive metadata accompany all PVM studies to support robust analysis and interpretation;
16. ENCOURAGES Members to strengthen regional coordination on vaccination strategies through the timely exchange of information on vaccine strain selection, vaccine valency and vaccination planning to improve regional harmonisation;

17. RECOMMENDS undertaking a regional assessment of FMD surveillance capacity and surveillance sensitivity to identify gaps and priorities for strengthening risk-based surveillance systems;
18. RECOMMENDS Members to strengthen preparedness for FMD SAT1 and other emerging FMD virus strains by reviewing and updating national contingency plans, surveillance systems, laboratory capacity and emergency response arrangements;
19. RECOMMENDS that preparedness be maintained through a continuous improvement approach, including regular training, simulation exercises, stakeholder engagement, effective communication, and periodic review of contingency plans to identify gaps and strengthen response capacity;
20. ENCOURAGES Members to apply WOAHP international standards, including zoning and other science-based risk management measures, to support effective disease control and facilitate safe trade;
21. RECOMMENDS to continue regional collaboration among Members, WOAHP, FAO, Reference Laboratories and development partners to strengthen preparedness, information sharing, technical cooperation and coordinated response to FMD SAT1 and other emerging FMD virus strains;
22. ENCOURAGES Members to assess and strengthen their animal movement management using the WOAHP Overarching Framework for Animal Movement System, and REQUESTS WOAHP and international and regional partners to provide technical support to address identified gaps and strengthen national capacities.

Requests and acknowledgements

23. REQUESTS Indonesia to host the 29th Meeting of the WOAHP Sub-Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease in South-East Asia, China and Mongolia;
24. THANKS the General Authority for Veterinary Services (GAVS), Government of Mongolia for its successful hosting of the 28th Meeting of the WOAHP Sub-Commission for FMD in South-East Asia, China and Mongolia;
25. THANKS the Governments of Australia, China, and Japan for their continuous financial support to the SEACFMD campaign including the organization of 28th SEACFMD Sub-Commission Meeting;
26. THANKS all participants from SEACFMD Members, non-SEACFMD Members, Partners and Private Sectors for their active participation in the meeting.