RESOLUTION No. 20

**Designation of facilities as approved for holding rinderpest virus containing material**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. Resolution No. 23 (2014) adopted by the OIE Member Countries at the 82nd General Session requested the Director General to put in place, jointly with FAO, a system to designate, inspect, monitor and evaluate approved Facilities Holding Rinderpest Virus Containing Material and, when not compliant with the mandate, to temporarily or permanently remove their approved status according to the seriousness of the non-compliance,

2. The mandate provided under Resolution No. 23 of the 82nd General Session (hereinafter 'the Mandate') for Facilities Holding Rinderpest Virus Containing Material (hereinafter 'Rinderpest Holding Facilities') provides designation criteria, and describes the purpose of the two categories of Rinderpest Holding Facility as:

   A) Rinderpest Holding Facility for storing rinderpest virus containing material, excluding vaccine stocks,

   B) Rinderpest Vaccine Holding Facility for storing only manufactured vaccines, vaccine stocks and material solely for their production,

3. All applications of institutes wishing to be approved as FAO-OIE Rinderpest Holding Facility are assessed by the FAO-OIE Rinderpest Joint Advisory Committee (hereinafter 'the Committee'),

4. Details of the applicant facilities that have been assessed by the Committee are published in their meeting reports,

5. Applicant facilities assessed by the Committee and recommended for inspection are subject to a formal detailed on-site evaluation by a team comprised of international experts, to determine their capacity and compliance with expected norms for bio-safety and bio-security with respect to the storing of rinderpest stocks and the Mandate,

6. The report and findings of the expert on-site evaluation team are reviewed and evaluated against the Mandate by the Committee and their recommendations are endorsed by the respective internal procedures of the FAO and OIE,

7. Resolution No. 25 (2015) by the OIE Member Countries at the 83nd General Session states that facilities approved for holding rinderpest virus containing material are subject to re-evaluation every 3 years,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

1. To re-evaluate, jointly with the FAO, the five Rinderpest Holding Facilities that were designated in 2015 through the approval by the World Assembly of Delegates of Resolution No. 25, during the period 2018-2019, through a consistent review process considered adequate by the OIE and the FAO, under recommendations from the FAO-OIE Rinderpest Joint Advisory Committee, and subject to on-site inspections whenever deemed necessary by the organisations.

   **A) Rinderpest Holding Facility for storing rinderpest virus containing material, excluding vaccine stocks**

      1. African Union Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Centre (AU-PANVAC), Debre-Zeit, Ethiopia.

      2. High Containment Facilities of Exotic Diseases Research Station, National Institute of Animal Health, Kodaira, Tokyo, Japan.

      3. USDA-APHIS, Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (FADDL), Plum Island, New York, United States of America.

      4. The Pirbright Institute, United Kingdom.

   **B) Rinderpest Vaccine Holding Facility for storing only manufactured vaccines, vaccine stocks and material solely for their production:**

      1. African Union Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Centre (AU-PANVAC), Debre-Zeit, Ethiopia.

      2. Building for Safety Evaluation Research, Production Center for Biologicals; Building for Biologics Research and Development (storage), National Institute of Animal Health, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan.

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