

RESOLUTION No. 23

**Designation of Facilities Holding Rinderpest Virus Containing Material  
to Maintain Global Freedom from Rinderpest**

ACKNOWLEDGING the declaration of global freedom from rinderpest in May 2011 and the commitment made by Member to maintaining this status, reaffirmed through OIE Resolution No. 21 (2017),

REFERRING to OIE Resolution No. 23 (2014) urging OIE Members to approve the mandate for designated facilities holding rinderpest virus containing material (hereinafter ‘Rinderpest Holding Facilities’), and requesting the Director General of the OIE to put in place a system to monitor and evaluate designated Rinderpest Holding Facilities,

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The mandate provided under Resolution No. 23 (2014) (Appendix), hereinafter ‘the Mandate’, for Rinderpest Holding Facilities provides designation criteria and conditions, and describes the purpose of the two categories of Rinderpest Holding Facilities,
2. All FAO-OIE Rinderpest Holding Facility applications are assessed by the FAO-OIE Joint Advisory Committee for Rinderpest, hereinafter ‘the Committee’, using criteria approved by both organisations, and the details of the applicant facilities that have been assessed by the Committee are published in their meeting reports,
3. 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,
4. The report and findings of the expert on-site evaluation team are reviewed and evaluated against international biosafety and biosecurity standards and the Mandate by the Committee and their recommendations are endorsed by the respective internal procedures of the FAO and OIE,
5. When a Rinderpest Holding Facility fails to demonstrate compliance with the Mandate its status will be suspended with immediate effect, pending review by the Committee, the OIE and FAO,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

To designate, on behalf of the OIE, and subject to equivalent action by FAO in accordance with its processes for designation, the following facilities as approved for holding rinderpest virus containing material, subject to re-evaluation every 3 years, with the category specified for each facility and proposes to add them to the list of FAO-OIE approved Rinderpest Holding Facilities (available on the OIE and FAO websites):

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

1. Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD), Montpellier, France
2. China Institute of Veterinary Drug Control/China Veterinary Culture Collection Center (IVDC), Beijing, China

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

1. Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD), Montpellier, France
2. China Institute of Veterinary Drug Control/China Veterinary Culture Collection Center (IVDC), Beijing, China.

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in view of an entry into force on 31 May 2019)

Annex

**MANDATE FOR A FACILITY HOLDING  
RINDERPEST VIRUS CONTAINING MATERIAL**

The facilities in which rinderpest virus (RPV)-containing material<sup>63</sup> can be held (hereinafter ‘Rinderpest Holding Facilities’) should have a mandate which justifies their function and ensures safe storage of this material.

The Rinderpest Holding Facility has a separate mandate and approval mechanism from an OIE Reference Laboratory for rinderpest and an FAO Reference Centre for morbillivirus.

Although the decision to designate a Rinderpest Holding Facility lies with the OIE World Assembly of Delegates, the OIE Delegate must support the application and be fully aware of the Mandate.

The following text describes the Mandates of the two categories of Rinderpest Holding Facility:

- 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.
- A) Rinderpest virus holding facilities for storing rinderpest virus containing material, excluding vaccine stocks:**
- 1. To safely hold rinderpest virus (hereinafter “RPV”) containing material at an appropriate level of bio-containment and ensure appropriate measures are taken to prevent its accidental or deliberate release.
  - 2. To accept RPV-containing material from FAO and OIE Members for safe storage and/or for destruction.
  - 3. To notify FAO and the OIE before receiving RPV-containing material from other institutes for FAO to assist in shipping if needed and to ensure chain of custody.
  - 4. To provide RPV-containing material to other institutes for the research or vaccine manufacture that has been approved by FAO and the OIE.

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<sup>63</sup> Rinderpest virus-containing material means field and laboratory strains of RPV; vaccine strains of RPV including valid and expired vaccine stocks; tissues, sera and other material from animals known or suspected to be infected; laboratory-generated diagnostic material containing live virus, recombinant morbilliviruses (segmented or nonsegmented) containing unique RPV nucleic acid or amino acid sequences, and full length genomic material including virus RNA and its cDNA copies; subgenomic fragments of RPV genome (either as plasmid or incorporated into recombinant viruses) that cannot be incorporated into a replicating morbillivirus or morbillivirus-like virus are not considered to be RPV-containing material, neither are sera that have been either heat-treated to at least 56°C for at least two hours, or shown to be free from RPV genome sequences by a validated RT-PCR assay;

5. To retain an up-to-date inventory of RPV-containing material and sequence data (including recording entry and exit of this material into and out of the facility), and to share this information with FAO and the OIE through the designated rinderpest database.
6. To send an annual report to the OIE and FAO
7. To maintain a system of quality assurance, biosafety and biosecurity.
8. To provide technical advice or training to personnel from other FAO and OIE Members on the destruction, safe shipment of RPV-containing material, and/or decontamination of facilities.
9. To participate in scientific meetings in its capacity as FAO-OIE Rinderpest Holding Facility and using that title.
10. To establish and maintain a network with other Rinderpest Holding Facilities.
11. To seek approval from FAO and the OIE before manipulating RPV-containing materials for the purposes of research or any other purposes, including in private sector institutions, or before shipping RPV-containing materials to other institutes.
12. When FAO and the OIE carry out an audit or site inspection the rinderpest holding facility shall fully cooperate and provide all the relevant reports and information.

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

1. To retain an up-to-date inventory of vaccine stocks including current and expired vaccines and any materials solely for vaccine production and to share such information with FAO and the OIE through the designated rinderpest database.
2. To validate or destroy stocks of expired vaccines.
3. To regularly test the quality of the vaccines in accordance with the OIE guidelines.
4. To maintain and follow procedures approved by FAO and the OIE for managing vaccine stocks (storing packaged and manufactured vaccine).
5. To contribute, when requested by FAO and the OIE, to the global rinderpest vaccine bank and preparedness strategy, including through the emergency manufacture and preparation of vaccines in accordance with OIE standards.
6. To accept vaccine virus seeds or stocks from FAO and OIE Members for safe storage and/or for destruction.
7. To notify FAO and the OIE before receiving RPV-containing material from other institutes for FAO to assist in shipping if needed and to ensure the chain of custody.
8. To provide vaccine virus seeds or vaccines to other institutes (public or private sector) for the research or vaccine manufacture that has been approved by FAO and the OIE.
9. To send an annual report to the OIE and FAO.
10. To maintain a system of quality assurance, biosafety and biosecurity.
11. When FAO and the OIE carry out an audit or site inspection the rinderpest holding facility shall fully cooperate and provide all the relevant reports and information.