

CHAPTER 5.6.

BORDER POSTS AND QUARANTINE STATIONS IN THE IMPORTING COUNTRY

Article 5.6.1.

- 1) Countries and their *Veterinary Authorities* should, wherever possible, take the necessary action to ensure that the *border posts* and *quarantine stations* in their territory should be provided with an adequate organisation and sufficient equipment for the application of the measures recommended in the *Terrestrial Code*.
- 2) Each *border post* and *quarantine station* should be provided with facilities for the feeding and watering of *animals*.

Article 5.6.2.

When justified by the amount of *international trade* and by the epidemiological situation, *border posts* and *quarantine stations* should be provided with a *Veterinary Service* comprising personnel, equipment and premises as the case may be and, in particular, means for:

- 1) making clinical examinations and obtaining specimens of material for diagnostic purposes from live *animals* or carcasses of *animals* affected or suspected of being affected by an epizootic *disease*, and obtaining specimens of animal products suspected of contamination;
- 2) detecting and isolating *animals* affected by or suspected of being affected by an epizootic *disease*;
- 3) carrying out *disinfection* and possibly *disinfestation* of *vehicles* used to transport *animals* and animal products.

In addition to this, each port and international airport should ideally be provided with equipment for the sterilisation or incineration of swill or any other material dangerous to animal health.

The presence of *disease* or *infection* in imported *animals* in a *quarantine station* does not affect the *animal health status* of the country or *zone*.

Article 5.6.3.

When required for the transit of *commodities* in *international trade*, airports should provide areas of direct transit. These should, however, comply with the conditions required by *Veterinary Authorities*, especially to prevent the contact between *animals* of different health status and the *risk* of introducing *diseases* transmitted by insects.

Article 5.6.4.

Each *Veterinary Authority*, when requested, should make available for the *Headquarters* and any interested country on request:

- 1) a list of *border posts*, *quarantine stations*, approved *abattoirs* and storage depots in its territory which are approved for *international trade*;
- 2) the period of time required for notice to be given for the application of the arrangements contained in point 2 of Articles 5.7.1. to 5.7.4.;
- 3) a list of airports in its territory which are provided with an area of direct transit, approved by the relevant *Veterinary Authority* and placed under its immediate control, where *animals* stay for a short time pending further transport to their final destination.

