

Practical Management Strategies for Avian Influenza and Emerging Infectious Diseases

‘The Implementation Toolkit’

Workshop communiqué

Workshop 2 Hanoi, Vietnam, 10-11 September 2008

The second workshop on “Practical Management Strategies for Avian Influenza and Emerging Infectious Diseases – the Implementation Toolkit” was held in Hanoi, Vietnam from 10-11 September 2008. The Workshop was convened by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, in conjunction with the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group (APEC ATCWG).

The aims of the Workshop were to obtain member economy feedback on the draft “Implementation Toolkit”, consider progress on the development of the toolkit, share information on successful initiatives of member economies that will be featured in the toolkit, and further identify specific needs and materials and experiences that member economies want included in the toolkit. The workshop also further identified information gaps and areas for future work.

On Day 1 of the workshop, participants were welcomed by Dr Hoang Van Nam, Deputy Director General, Vietnam Department of Animal Health. Presentations were delivered on avian influenza and the Vietnam Green Book by Dr Nguyen Van Long, Epidemiology Division, Vietnam Department of Animal Health; Dr Nguyen Tung Vice Director National Centre for Veterinary Diagnosis, Vietnam Department of Animal Health; and Ms Dao Thu Trang, Secretariat Manager, Partnership for Animal and Human Influenza, International Cooperation Department of the Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Dr Sam Animas, Chief of the Philippines Bureau of Animal Health and National Avian Influenza Coordinator, provided an overview of the Philippines National Advisory Committee for Animal Disease Control and Emergencies. Mr Paul Mattiazzi from Australia presented the draft toolkit website to the workshop, and small group discussions were held in line with the workshop objectives.

On Day 2, Mr David Bateman from Australia shared information on the Australian Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement. A presentation was also provided by Dr Bee Lee Ong, Zoonotic Epidemiologist, Communicable Disease Surveillance and Response, World Health Organisation Western Pacific Regional Office, on the publication ‘A guide to establishing collaboration between animal and human health sectors’. Dr Maria Becerra Lemus, Chief, Education and Sanitary Information, Mexico–USA Commission for Prevention of FMD and other Animal Diseases, presented to the workshop on Mexico’s experience with the development of trans-boundary coordination agreements.

Outcomes and Next Steps

- Participants identified specific materials and examples to be incorporated in the toolkit, including:
 - The Malaysian National Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Committee
 - Laos' criteria for infected and buffer zones
 - Philippine's National Advisory Committee for Animal Disease Control and Emergencies
 - Country experiences with compartmentalisation
 - Myanmar's restocking program
 - Vietnam vaccination experiences
 - Guidelines for humane euthanasia
 - International standards and their translation to country specific guidelines
 - Guidelines on how to conduct emergency animal disease simulation exercises, and experiences of other countries in conducting simulations
 - Methodology for conducting risk assessments
 - Global strategy on 'One World – One Health' (upon completion)
 - Animal health contact points for each country
 - An 'experts' list with contact details
- Participants noted the value to be obtained from the toolkit by designing it to be a 'one-stop-shop' for sharing experiences and accessing materials and guidelines used by other countries.
- Participants also agreed that the value of the toolkit site would be enhanced with inclusion of a forum that allows for users to actively share information, discuss topics of interest, and interact with others through the website.
- Participants agreed that ongoing work was needed and should be commissioned to continue the process of capturing and documenting country experiences, and developing country case studies for inclusion in the website. The documentation of country experiences was considered to be one of the most valuable activities for the sharing of information and lessons learned, as very little of this information has to date been documented and shared.
- Participants noted the importance of their involvement in contributing ideas and specific materials, and promoting use of the toolkit, to ensure the site is a relevant and useful resource.
- The workshop noted that individual participants will be contacted in the coming weeks to follow up on specific materials identified for inclusion in the toolkit throughout the workshop.
- The workshop noted that the launch will take place at the next global Ministerial Conference for Avian and Pandemic Influenza scheduled for 24-26 October in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

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