

WOAH Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Reference Resources

1. FMD Biosecurity

Biosecurity & Prevention (WOAH FMD Disease Page)

<https://www.woah.org/en/disease/foot-and-mouth-disease/>

Practical biosecurity measures to prevent introduction and spread of FMD at farm and field level.

2. FMD Movement Controls

Terrestrial Code – FMD Movement & Zoning (Chapter 8.8)

https://www.woah.org/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahc/current/en_chapitre_fmd.htm

Rules on animal movement control, zoning, compartmentalisation, and safe trade.

3. FMD Import & Export Controls

WOAH Standards for Safe Trade (FMD – Terrestrial Code)

https://www.woah.org/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahc/current/en_chapitre_fmd.htm

Import risk management, export certification, and commodity-based trade requirements.

4. FMD Vaccination vs Stamping-Out

FMD Control Strategies (WOAH FMD Page & Standards)

<https://www.woah.org/en/disease/foot-and-mouth-disease/>

Overview of vaccination policies vs stamping-out approaches in different epidemiological settings.

5. FMD Quarantine

Quarantine, Isolation & Zoning (Terrestrial Code – FMD)

https://www.woah.org/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahc/current/en_chapitre_fmd.htm

Use of quarantine, protection zones, and containment zones during outbreaks.

6. FMD Reporting

World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS)

<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/animal-health-and-welfare/disease-data-collection/world-animal-health-information-system/>

Official platform for immediate notification and ongoing reporting of FMD outbreaks.

7. FMD Sampling

WOAH Training Portal

<https://training.woah.org/>

Training courses and awareness materials for veterinary services and stakeholders.

8. FMD Border Control

WOAH Standards on Border Measures & Trade (Terrestrial Code)

https://www.woah.org/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahc/current/en_chapitre_fmd.htm

Border inspection, certification, and measures to prevent cross-border spread of FMD.

9. Risk Analysis & Import Risk Assessment

WOAH Risk Analysis Framework (Terrestrial Code – Section 2)

<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/terrestrial-code-online-access/>

Methodology for assessing import risks and making science-based border control decisions.

10. WOAH/FAO FMD Laboratory Network (Welcome Page)

<https://www.foo-and-mouth.org/welcome>

Global coordination of FMD laboratories, including surveillance and vaccine matching.

11. World Reference Laboratory for FMD (WRLFMD)

<https://www.wrlfmd.org/>

Leading international lab for confirmatory diagnosis and virus characterization.

12. WOAH Reference Laboratories Directory

<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-offer/expertise-network/reference-laboratories/>

Official list of accredited laboratories and expert contacts worldwide.

13. WOAH Africa Reference Laboratories

<https://rr-africa.woah.org/en/reference-laboratories/>

Regional diagnostic laboratories supporting African countries.

14. Southern Africa FMD Lab Network

<https://www.foo-and-mouth.org/woahfao-fmd-reference-laboratory-network>

Regional network (including ARC-Onderstepoort & Botswana Vaccine Institute) for diagnostics and collaboration.

15. WOAH Official Disease Status Portal

<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/animal-health-and-welfare/official-disease-status/>

Procedures for recognition, suspension, and recovery of FMD-free status.

16. FMD-Free Members & Zones (2025)

<https://www.woah.org/en/enhanced-visibility-of-fmd-free-members/>

Lists countries/zones with official FMD-free status and endorsed control programmes.

17. SOP: Establishment of a Protection Zone

<https://www.woah.org/en/document/sop-on-the-establishment-of-a-protection-zone-in-a-country-or-zone-having-an-officially-recognised-animal-health-status/>

Step-by-step procedure for creating temporary protection zones.

18. SOP: Suspension, Recovery & Containment Zones

<https://www.woah.org/en/document/sop-on-suspension-recovery-or-withdrawal-of-officially-recognised-animal-health-status-and-withdrawal-of-the-endorsement-of-official-control-programmes/>

Guidance on outbreak response, containment zones, and regaining disease-free status.

19. Key Terrestrial Code Articles (Zoning & Recovery)

<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/>

Relevant provisions for:

1. Article 4.4.6: Protection Zone
2. Article 4.4.7: Containment Zone
3. Article 8.8.9: Establishment of Protection Zone
4. Article 8.8.10: Establishment of Containment Zone
5. Article 8.8.11: Recovery of Free Status