Controlling bovine tuberculosis: a One Health challenge
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Chapter 8.11, Infection with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex, of the Terrestrial Code provides an overview of the animal health standards and requirements for demonstrating freedom from bovine tuberculosis or notifying its presence within a country, zone, compartment or herd, and lists the agreed procedures for ensuring safe international movement of animals and animal products. These recommendations are intended to help manage the human and animal health risks associated with animals infected with a member of the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex (*M. bovis*, *M. caprae* and *M. tuberculosis*).

Chapter 3.4.6, Bovine tuberculosis, of the Terrestrial Manual provides a detailed description of the disease and recommended laboratory methods to identify the causative agent, as well as the internationally accepted diagnostic techniques for official disease control and eradication programmes and international trade. This chapter also outlines the technical standards for manufacturing and testing bovine tuberculosis vaccines and diagnostic tests.

REFERENCES

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