

## Specific comment

### Definitions

“The proposed definition “Prescribed biosecurity conditions” is vague and ambiguous. It should be noted that “biosecurity” has multiple definitions and a definitive definition is evolving, although it is generally interpreted as “protection from disease”. We would recommend the following changes to the term and definition: (Recommendations appear as bold text)

**“Biosecurity Programs: A set of measures applying to a particular disease agent, and a particular zone or country, required to ensure adequate protection from, and control and eradication of OIE notifiable diseases, and should include confirmation by the *Competent Authority* that:**

- the disease is legally notifiable **to the *Competent Authority***;
  - an *early detection system* is in place within the zone or country;
  - no vaccination against the disease is carried out, **unless the vaccines used are verified to prevent infection**;
  - **preventative measures from possible infections from wild *populations* are in place**, or wild *populations* are known to be free of infection;
- import requirements to prevent the introduction of disease or infection into the country or zone, as outlined in the *Code*, are in place.