

Chapter 1.3.1 – General Obligations

General comment –

Article 1.3.1., second paragraph, second line states: “To maximize harmonization of the sanitary aspects of *international trade*, *Competent Authorities of Member Countries* should base their import requirements on the OIE standards, guidelines and recommendations.”

Such language is satisfactory with the understanding that procedures, guidelines and recommendations of Member Countries, may be equivalent but not necessarily identical to those of the OIE, and yet, still achieve the same result.