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Dear Dr Hanen Rezgui

Thank you very much for your letter, dated 30 April 2013, seeking clarification of the OIE Animal welfare standards with respect to slaughter methods.

I can confirm that the analysis of bleeding out by severance of blood vessels without stunning has been continuously included in the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* since the chapter on slaughter of animals was adopted for the first time in 2005, and still exists in the summary table in Article 7.5.9. (Summary analysis of slaughter methods and the associated animal welfare issues).

However, on investigation of the previous reports we found that in the report of the meeting of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission in March 2008, this analysis was included in Article 3.7.5.8. (Summary analysis of stunning methods and the associated animal welfare issues) instead of Article 3.7.5.9. by mistake. This error was corrected appropriately when the revised chapter was adopted at the 76th General Session in May 2008.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention, and apologise for any confusion caused by the mistake in the March 2008 report of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission.

Sincerely yours,

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