

ARTICLE 4

The principal objects of the office are as follows:

(a) To institute and to co-ordinate all research or investigation concerning the pathology or prophylaxis of contagious diseases of animals which call for international collaboration;

(b) To collect and to notify to the Governments and their sanitary services the facts and documents of general interest concerning the progress of contagious diseases of animals and the means employed for fighting them;

(c) To study the drafts of international agreements concerning veterinary police measures and to put at the disposal of the Powers signatory to these agreements the means of controlling the execution of such agreements.

ARTICLE 5

The Governments shall send to the Office:

(1) Telegraphically, notification of the first cases of cattle plague or foot-and-mouth disease occurring in a country or a district which has hitherto been free;

(2) At regular intervals, reports based on a model adopted by the committee, giving information as to the presence and extension of diseases comprised in the following list:

Cattle plague,
Foot-and-mouth disease,
Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia,
Anthrax,
Sheep pox,
Rabies,
Glanders,
Dourine,
Swine fever.

The list of diseases to which the one or the other of the preceding arrangements apply may be revised by the committee, provided that the Governments approve.

The Governments shall communicate to the Office the measures they are taking for fighting animal diseases, especially those which they are taking on their frontiers to protect their territory against arrivals from contaminated countries. They will reply as far as possible to requests for information addressed to them by the Office.

ARTICLE 6

The Office shall be placed under the authority and control of an international committee, which shall be composed of technical representatives appointed by the participating States on the basis of one representative for each State.

ARTICLE 7

The Committee of the Office shall meet periodically and at least once a year; the length of its sessions is not limited.

The members of the committee shall elect by secret ballot a president, whose term of office shall last for three years.