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SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND RABIES
COMMITTEE ON TUBERCULOSIS

SUBJECT MATTER: Global Health Security Agenda – A New Initiative to Limit the Spread of Infectious Diseases Globally

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Global Health Security Agenda vision is a world safe and secure from global health threats posed by infectious diseases – where they can prevent or mitigate the impact of naturally occurring outbreaks and intentional or accidental releases of dangerous pathogens, rapidly detect and transparently report outbreaks when they occur, and employ an interconnected global network that can respond effectively to limit the spread of infectious disease outbreaks in humans and animals, mitigate human suffering and the loss of human life, and reduce economic impact. Over the next five years the United States commits to working with at least thirty partner countries. The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, One Health Group is a member.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests the United States Secretary of Agriculture to commit United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) resources to building strong linkages with the Global Health Security Agenda. We encourage USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to use the USAHA as a forum to seek broad community input on areas of direct relevance to the prediction, prevention, and response of global health concerns that impact animal agriculture.

INTERIM RESPONSE:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services appreciates the interest and support of the U.S. Animal Health Association (USAHA) in the Global Health Security Agenda. APHIS is happy to work with USAHA to increase awareness and garner input into Global Health Security objectives with relevance to animal agriculture, and to expand the recognition of animal agriculture as a key partner for implementation of the Global Health Security Agenda.