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Annex 9. Chapter 3.3.3. Avian infectious laryngotracheitis (102.14 KB)	Annex 9. Chapter 3.3.3. Avian infectious laryngotracheitis (104.35 KB)
Annex 10. Chapter 3.3.5. Avian mycoplasmosis (*Mycoplasma galliseptum, M. synoviae*)	No comments submitted

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Work Programme (39.96 KB)	No comments submitted
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Chapter 3.1.5. Crimean–Congo haemorrhagic fever (32.97 KB)	Chapter 3.1.5. Crimean–Congo haemorrhagic fever (42.99 KB)
Chapter 3.3.6. Avian tuberculosis (209.95 KB)	No comments submitted
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Chapter 3.8.12. Sheep pox and goat pox (148.5 KB)	Chapter 3.8.12. Sheep pox and goat pox (139.17 KB)
Chapter 3.9.1. African swine fever (276.13 KB)	Chapter 3.9.1. African swine fever (281.69 KB)
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