

Glanders

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Recently, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying has issued the Revised National Action Plan on Glanders.

About Glanders

- It is caused by the **bacterium Burkholderia mallei**.
- It primarily affects equines such as **horses, mules, and donkeys**, and poses risks to **other animals as well as humans**.
- **Signs:** The disease causes **nodules and ulcerations** in the respiratory tract and lungs in animals. A skin form, known as 'farcy', also occurs.
- Glanders is **commonly contracted** via the following routes:
 - Ingestion of food or water contaminated with nasal discharge from infected (carrier) animals
 - Contact with contaminated harness components
 - Ingestion of infected horse meat

- Glanders has traditionally been clinically categorized into **nasal, pulmonary and cutaneous forms** based on the most commonly affected organ systems in equines.
- It remains sporadically reported in a number of **Asian, African, Middle Eastern, and South American countries**.
- Glanders is an WOAHA-listed disease as described in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)**. As indicated in the WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code any occurrence of glanders must be notified to the WOAHA.
- The disease is notifiable under the **Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals (PCICDA) Act, 2009**.

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