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# OIE Animal Welfare Work Programme

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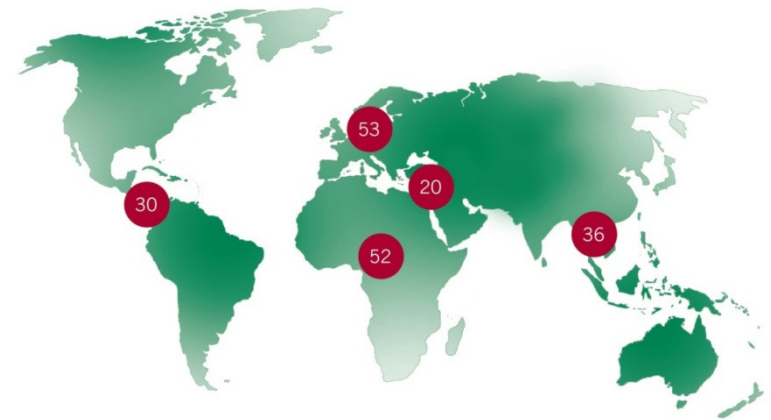
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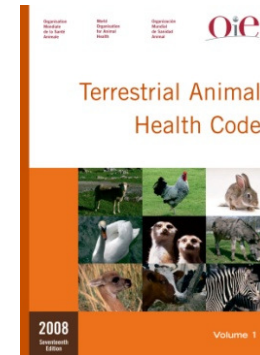
# The OIE



- **178** OIE Members in 2012
- The OIE maintains Representations (Regional and sub regional) in all **five regions**
- OIE is subject to the authority of the **World Assembly of Delegates**
- Delegates are appointed by the **Government** of the Member Country they represent

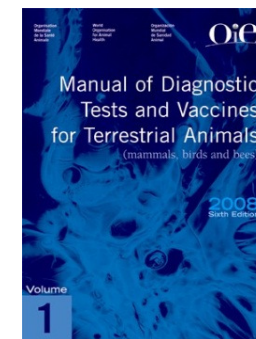
# OIE Specialist Commissions

## Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission

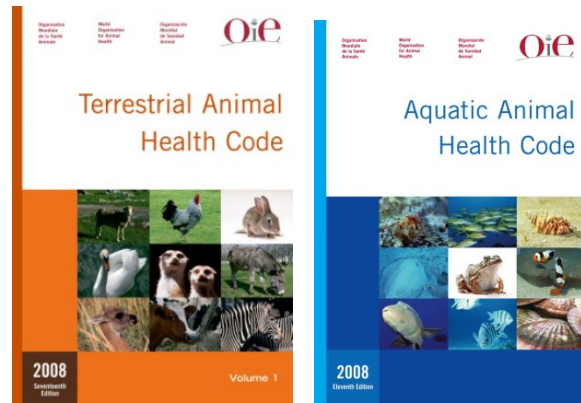


## Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

## Biological Standards Commission



# OIE Standards setting procedure



# The SPS Agreement

## CODEX

*food safety*



## OIE

*animal health  
including zoonoses*



## IPPC

*plant health*



**Animal welfare is NOT covered by the SPS Agreement**

Standards, guidelines and recommendations specifically recognised in the SPS Agreement as the references for international trade



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# Animal Welfare Agenda

➤ Animal welfare: an ongoing commitment by the OIE renewed in the **Fifth Strategic Plan 2011-2015**

- Animal health is a key component of animal welfare
- The OIE is recognised worldwide as the leader in developing international standards on animal welfare



# Animal Welfare Agenda

- 2003: Adoption of the General Principles for Animal Welfare
- 2003: Creation of the Working Group
- 2004: 1st OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare, Paris 2004
- 2005: Adoption of the first Animal Welfare Standards:
  - The transport of animals by land
  - The transport of animals by sea
  - The transport of animals by air
  - The slaughter of animals
  - The killing of animals for disease control purposes





# Animal Welfare Agenda

- 2008: 2<sup>nd</sup> OIE Global Conference on AW (Cairo, Egypt)



- 2009: New standards:

- The control of stray dog populations
- The welfare of farmed fish during transport

- 2010: New standards:

- Welfare aspects of stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption
- Use of animals for research and education

# Animal Welfare Agenda

2012

- **Texts adopted at the 80th OIE General Session**
  - New Article 7.1.4 General Principles for the Welfare of Animals in Livestock Production Systems
  - New Article 7.8.10 Transportation
  - New Chapter 7.9. on Animal Welfare and Beef Cattle Production Systems
  
- **3rd OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare**  
**6-8 November, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**



**THIRD OIE GLOBAL CONFERENCE  
ON ANIMAL WELFARE**

*Implementing the OIE standards  
– addressing regional expectations*

Kuala-Lumpur (Malaysia), 6–8 November 2011

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# A focus on Europe

## ➤ OIE Representation:

- Regional Representation in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Sub-Regional Representation in Brussels, Belgium

## ➤ OIE Regional Commission

## ➤ Members in Europe

- 53 Member Countries
- 41 Designated National Focal Points

## ➤ OIE Collaborating Centre on AW: Teramo, Italy

# Capacity Building Activities

- Training activities: provided by the OIE Collaborating Centre
- PVS Evaluation
  - 14 requests received from OIE Members of the Region
  - 14 missions implemented
- Seminar for OIE National Focal Points on AW:
  - Istanbul, Turkey 16-17 July 2009
  - Kiev, Ukraine 5-8 March 2012
- OIE Regional Commission Conference for Europe:
  - 25th Conference in Fleesensee, Germany 17-21 September 2012
  - Technical Item: 'Regional steps towards common Animal Welfare approach in Europe'

# The way forward

## ➤ Continuation of standard setting work program

- Updating all standards in light of new scientific information
- New standards on AW and livestock production systems
- Need to improve participation of Members in the standard setting process

## ➤ Encouraging Members to implement the standards

- Capacity building : National AW Focal Points/seminars
- Strengthening capacities in Eastern Europe
- PVS Pathway

# Thank you for your attention



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