OIE GLOBAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY AND OIE ANIMALS WELFARE WORK PROGRAMME

Regional training for OIE National Focal Points on Animal Welfare
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Chargé de mission - Animal Welfare/ Bienêtre animale/ Bienestar Animal
A world where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and advanced, in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health, human well-being, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.
STRATEGIC PILLARS

DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS

CAPACITY BUILDING AND EDUCATION

IMPLEMENTATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND POLICIES

COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, ORGANISATIONS AND THE PUBLIC
ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY
DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS
OIE STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE

Terrestrial Animal Health Code: Section 7
(http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/)

- Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare (2003)
- Slaughter of animals for human consumption (2005)
- Killing of animals for disease control purposes (2005)
- Control of stray dog populations (2009)
- Use of animals in research and education (2010)
- Welfare of Working Equids (2016)
Aquatic Animal Health Code: Section 7

- Introduction to recommendations for the welfare of farmed fish
- Welfare of farmed fish during transport (2009)
- Welfare aspects of stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption (2010)
- Killing of farmed fish for disease control purposes (2012)
Amendments to the Terrestrial Code Chapters on Animal Welfare

- 87th OIE General Session
  - Modifications Chapter 7.1. Introduction to Animal Welfare
  - Animal Welfare and Pig Production Systems

Newly adopted Terrestrial Code Chapters on Animal Welfare and Animal Production Systems

- 87th OIE General Session
  - Killing methods for farmed reptiles for skin and meat
  - New Terrestrial Code Chapters on Animal Welfare and Animal Production Systems for comments
    - Animal welfare and laying hen production system (September 2019)
Ongoing review and harmonisation of OIE Terrestrial Code Animal Welfare Chapters

- **Chapters 7.5** slaughter of animals and **7.6** Killing for disease control purposes (September 2019)
- **Chapter 7.7** Stray dog population control

Guidelines on disaster management and risk reduction in relation to animal health, animal welfare and veterinary public health
National Animal Welfare Focal Point Seminars

Train of trainers

- Transport of animals (Europe and Middle East)
- Slaughter of animals (Europe and Middle East)

Workshops

- Whole Journey Scenario (Europe and Middle East)
OIE Collaborating Centers on animal welfare.

- Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis; “the David Bayvel Consortium”. Nueva Zelanda – Australia
- Animal Welfare - Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale". Italy and the Swedish Centre for Animal Welfare, SCAW - SLU. Sweden
- Laboratory Animal Welfare and Science. USA

Implementation of Cooperation agreements.

e.g. ISAE, IATA.
Regional Animal Welfare Strategies and Platforms

- Regional priorities
- Governance
- Action plan development

Self evaluations tools and national roadmaps
Strengthen collaboration between private and public partners in the implementation of standard.

- monitoring of the implementation of the Technical Specification ISO TS 34700, Animal welfare management - General requirements and guidance for organizations in the food supply chain.
COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, ORGANISATIONS AND THE PUBLIC

➢ OIE website
Awareness activities

- Stray dog population control (Chapter 7.7)
- Welfare of working equids (Chapter 7.12.)
To bring together members of the animal welfare research community, the global animal welfare movement and the global animal-source food sector to transparent debate in relevant to animal welfare topics.

First Forum.


Second Forum.

A journey to animal welfare and successful shipments

Identification and involvement of the main actors (across borders – throughout the supply chain)

- Competent Authorities proactivity (e.g. Quarantine services)
- Exporter
- Importers
- Civil Society
- Role of police
- Effective communications (contact points)

Communications

- Coordination
- Attitudes awareness campaigns
- OIE air transport not well known

Inclusion of other sciences

- Economy and other social sciences (local solutions for local problems)
- Applied ethology

Support the regulatory framework (Fit for purpose – flexible – consistent. Focused on “Good regulatory practices”)

- Education (to all the concerned participants – behavioural changes (VPP))
- Training
- Coregulation (ISO 34 700)
- Use of OIE tools (PVS pathway)
- Interaction between regulations (Sea – Land)

Potential revision of the Code Chapters (Science based)

- Animal-base oriented
- Indicators
- Criteria
- Contingency plans (e.g. feed)
- Monitoring (new technologies)
- Neglected areas (laboratory animals)
Animal welfare is a trip, not a destination....

A.C. David Bayvel 1944 - 2015
Thank you for your attention.

Gracias por su atención

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