



OIE GLOBAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY AND OIE ANIMAL WELFARE WORK PROGRAMME

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World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

Established in 1924

5 regions

182 countries

<http://www.oie.int>

Certain countries belong to more than one region

Liberia and South Sudan joined the OIE in May 2014



Mandate of the OIE

“to improve animal health, animal welfare and public health protection world-wide”

THE OIE AND ANIMAL WELFARE: A STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

- Animal welfare has been identified as a strategic priority for the OIE since 2001, under the mandate granted by all Members ([Resolution n°XIV from the 70th OIE GS, 26 - 31 /05/2002](#))
- Through its strategic engagement, the OIE is recognised globally as the leader in setting international animal welfare standards.



VISION

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**

This Presentation will only focus
on Pillar 1: **Development of Animal
Welfare Standards**

OIE Standard-setting process videos could be watched at:

<http://www.oie.int/en/standard-setting/overview/>



Delegates

International Organisations

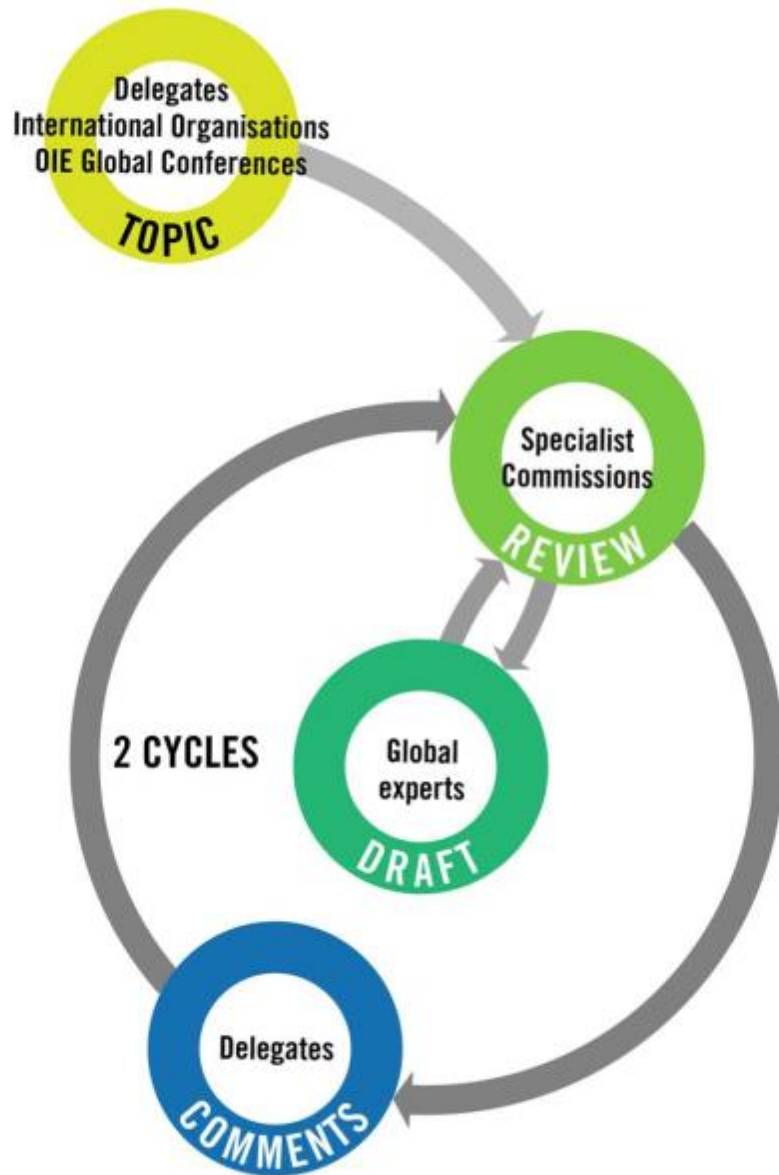
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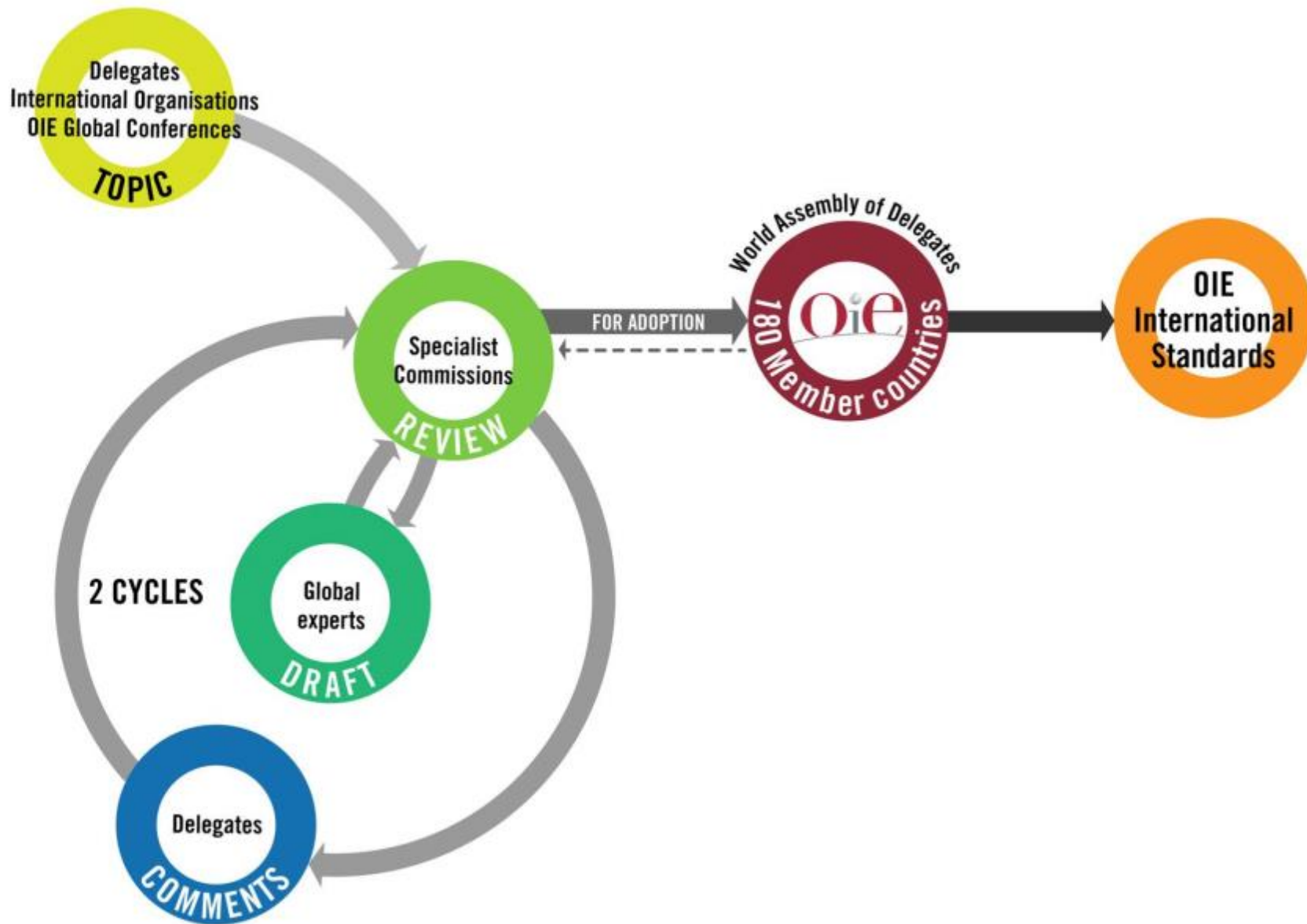
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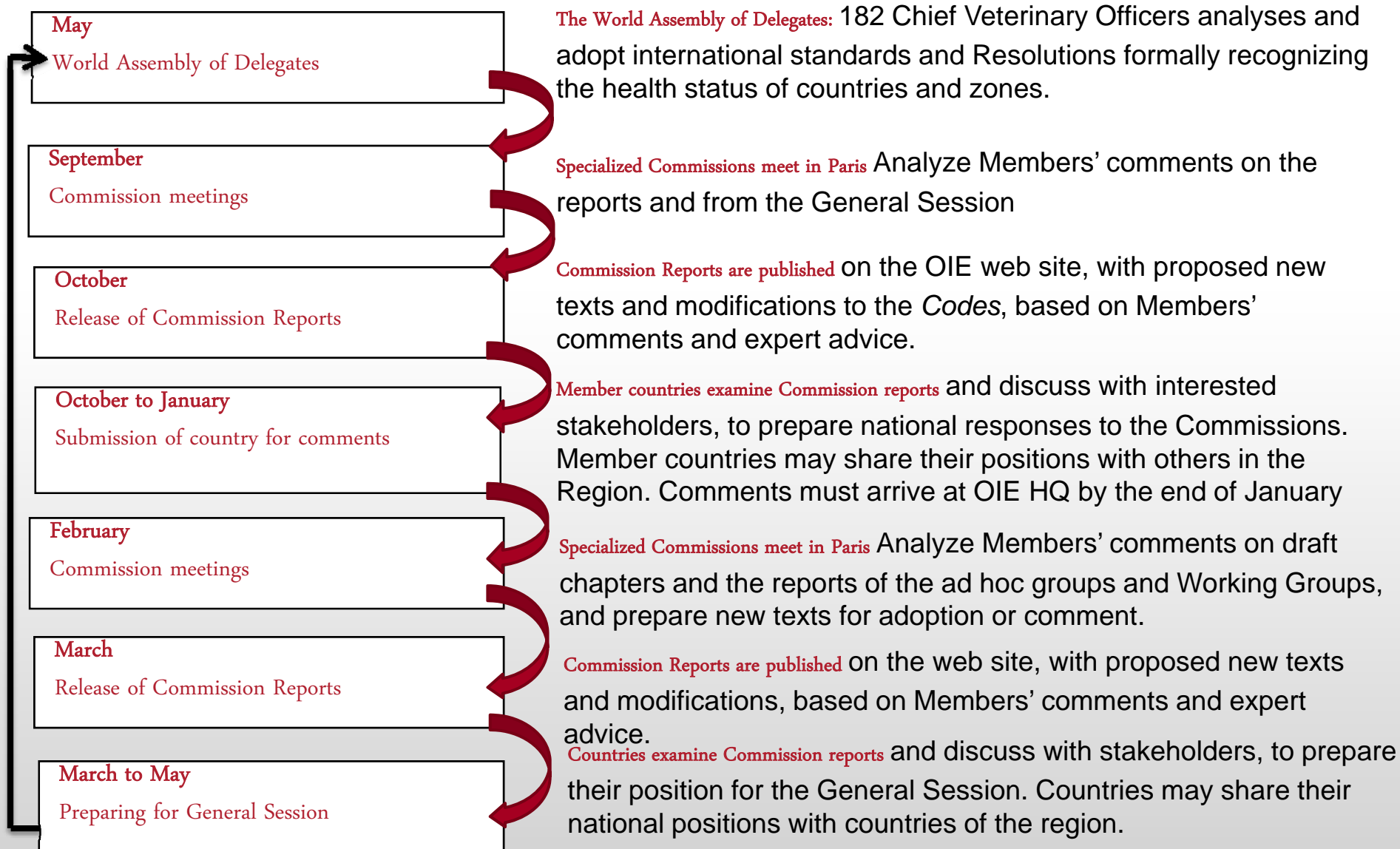








OIE STANDARD SETTING CYCLE



WHY OIE'S INVOLVEMENT WITH ANIMAL WELFARE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS?



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DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS

- Historic role of the OIE in protecting animal health since 1924;
- Animal health is a key component of animal welfare and,
- The mandate given by OIE members to OIE to take the lead internationally on animal welfare.

OIE APPROACH

- Texts must be applicable to **182** OIE Members with diverse socio-economic, agroecological, cultural and religious contexts,
- Provide guiding principles rather than specific recommendations,
- The OIE adopts an *'outcomes-based'* not a *'design* or management-based *criteria'* approach.




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CONCEPT OF THE WELFARE IN PRODUCTION SYSTEMS IN THE OIE AW CODE

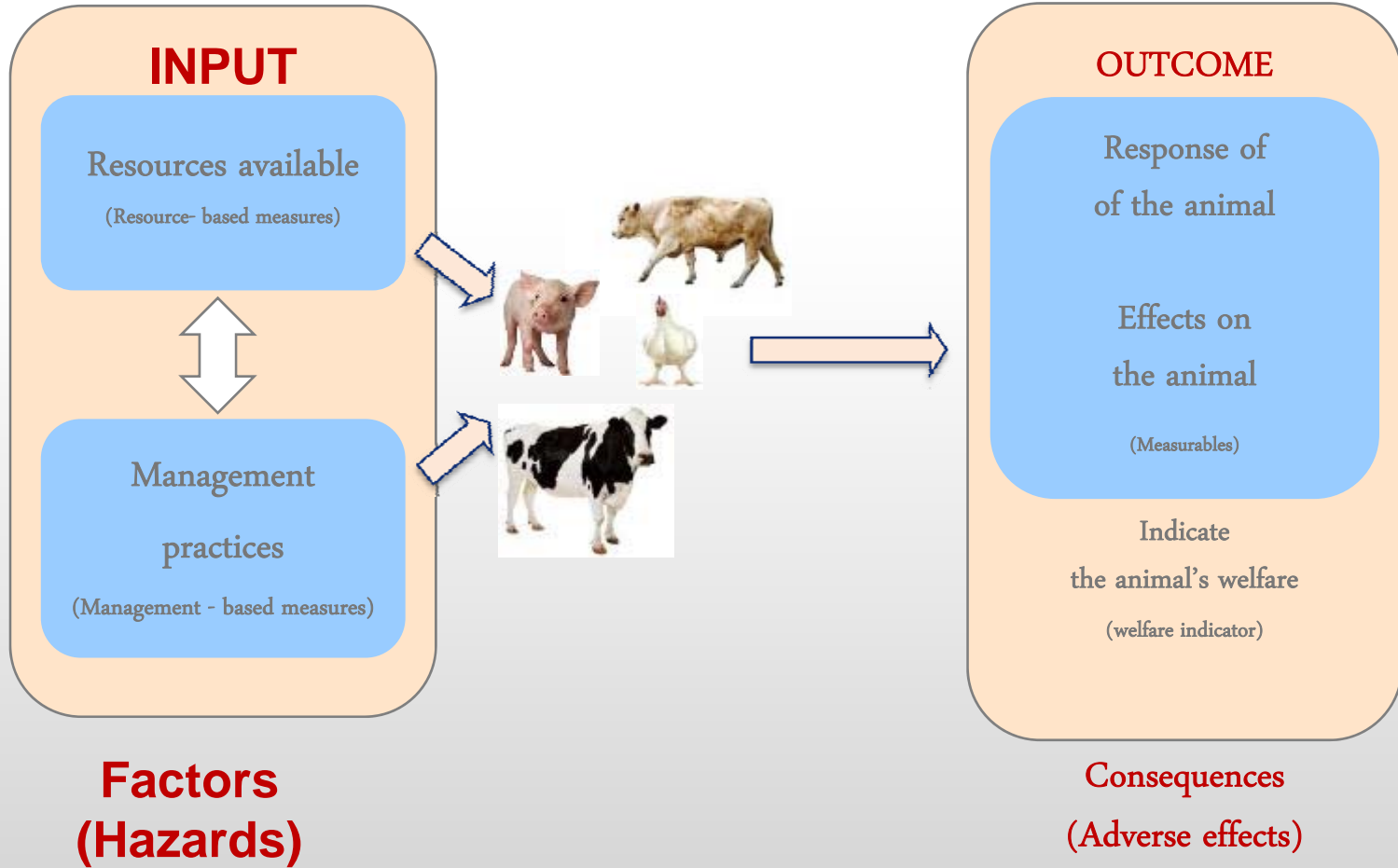
CHAPTERS:

OUTCOME-BASED MEASURES



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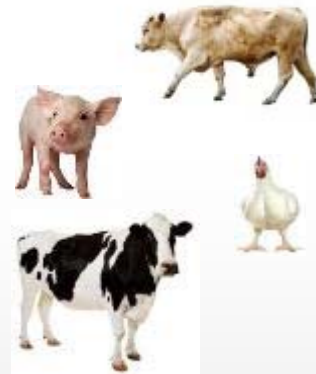
EXAMPLES OF CRITERIA FOR THE WELFARE IN PRODUCTION SYSTEMS IN THE OIE AW CODE CHAPTERS



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Mortality
Morbidity
Handling responses



Behaviour
Injury rate
Body condition and physical appearance



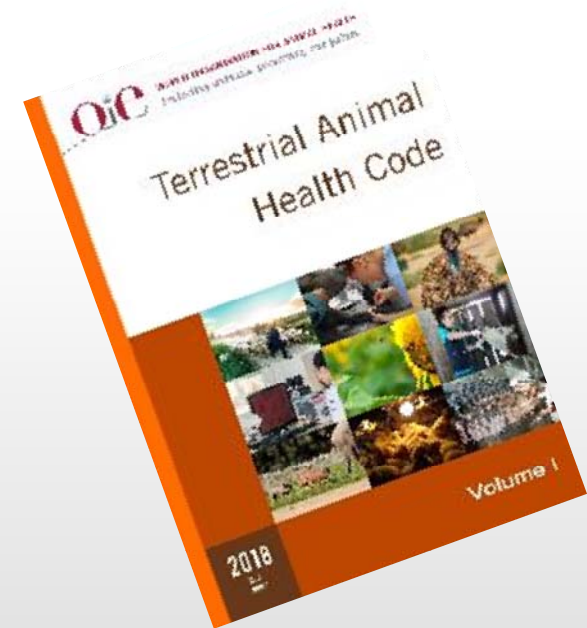
Recommendations

OIE STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE

Terrestrial Animal Health Code: Section 7

(<http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/>)

1. Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare (2003)
2. Transport of animals by land (1998/2005)
3. Transport of animals by sea (1998/2005)
4. Transport of animals by air (1998/2005)
5. Slaughter of animals for human consumption (2005)
6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes (2005)
7. Control of stray dog populations (2009)
8. Use of animals in research and education (2010)
9. Animal Welfare and Beef Cattle Production Systems (2012)
10. Animal Welfare and Broiler Chicken Production Systems (2013)
11. Animal Welfare and Dairy Cattle Production Systems (2015)
12. Welfare of Working Equids (2016)
13. Animal Welfare and Pig Production Systems (2018)
14. **Killing Methods for Farmed Reptiles for their Skins, Meat and Other Products (2019)**

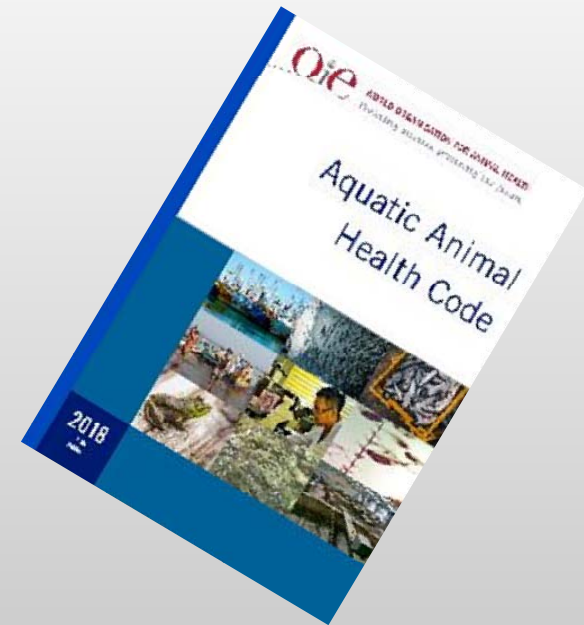


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Aquatic Animal Health Code: Section 7

(<http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/aquatic-code/access-online/>)

1. Introduction to recommendations for the welfare of farmed fish
2. Welfare of farmed fish during transport (2009)
3. Welfare aspects of stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption (2010)
4. Killing of farmed fish for disease control purposes (2012)





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DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS

- 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, meat and other products**
 - New Terrestrial Code Chapters on Animal Welfare and Animal Production Systems for comments
 - **Animal welfare and laying hen production system (September 2019)**



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- 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 (First meeting of the ad hoc Group November 2019)
- Guidelines on disaster management and risk reduction in relation to animal health, animal welfare and veterinary public health



CHALLENGES FOR OIE

- Complexity of AW with important scientific, ethical, cultural, religious, economic and political dimensions.
 - essential to have a scientific base, but for adoption, account must be taken of other dimensions.
- Need to address AW on a global basis.
 - OIE standards need to be relevant to all Members.



Animal welfare is a trip,
not a destination....



A.C. David Bayvel 1944 - 2015



Thank you for your
attention.

Gracias por su
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Merci beaucoup pour votre
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