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WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH

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Overview

- History
- Functions/objectives
- Structure
- Process
- Activities
History

- 1924 – established (28 countries)
- 1976 – USA joins the organization
- 1994 - designated by the WTO as the scientific reference body for animal health
- Today - 167 Member countries
  - One country - One vote
167 Member Countries

Americas: 29 – Africa: 47 – Europe: 49 – Middle East: 13 – Asia: 29
Functions of the OIE

- Collects and disseminates information
- Identifies and/or coordinates needed research
- Harmonizes health standards for trade in animals and animal products (terrestrial and aquatic)
- Provides guidance for disease control and eradication
New Mandates

- Animal Welfare
  - Working Group
  - Ad hoc groups
    - Transportation
    - Slaughter and euthanasia
    - Aquatic animal welfare
- Food Production and Safety
  - Farm to slaughter plant
Objectives of the OIE

- Disease reporting
  - Alert messages
  - Transparency
- Animal Health Expertise
  - Research into surveillance for disease control
- Safeguarding animal health in world trade
Disease Reporting

- Periodic/routine
  - Semiannual of all the OIE listed diseases
  - Annual Report
    - Summary of year’s Listed diseases
- Emergency and Emerging
- Events/occurrences
Biological Standards (Laboratory) Commission

- Updates the Manual for Standards and Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines
- Advises the Animal Health Code Commission on approved diagnostic tests
Scientific Commission

- Develops strategies for disease control
- Evaluates the diseases status of countries
  - FMD, Rinderpest, CBPP, BSE
- Provides scientific advice to the Terrestrial and Aquatic Code Commissions
Declaration of Freedom from certain diseases

- DEFINITIONS in the OIE Code
- QUESTIONNAIRE drawn up by the Scientific Commission
- SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS submitted by Delegates of Member Countries
- EXPERT PANEL: mission to the requesting country
- REPORT of the Expert Panel
- PROPOSAL of the Scientific Commission
- DECISION by the OIE International Committee
Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

- Establishes health standards for the trade of aquatic species
- Establishes standards for the diagnosis of diseases that affect aquatic species
Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission

- Updates the Terrestrial Animal Health Code
  - Health Standards for the trade of animals and animal products
Terrestrial Animal Health Code

- **Objective**: facilitate trade in animals and animal products
- **Recommendations of the Code** are meant to help countries prevent a given disease from being introduced
- **Consistent and harmonized health measures**
Terrestrial Animal Health Code

- Ensure the safety of animals and animal products in international commerce, and prevent the implementation of health standards that are unjustified trade barriers
- Science based
Working Groups and ad hoc Groups

- **Working Groups**
  - Food Safety and Production
  - Wildlife Diseases
  - Animal Welfare

- **Ad hoc Groups**
  - Set up where needed
  - Subject matter experts
  - Feed into Specialist Commissions
Support activities

- Collaborating Centers
  - Scientific and technical assistance on issues related to disease surveillance
    - Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health
    - National Veterinary Services Laboratories and the Centers for Veterinary Biologics

- Reference Laboratories
  - Diagnostics, research, training
  - Reference standards
Developing or updating International Standards

PROBLEM

Specialist Commission

Review

Advice of experts or other Specialist Commissions

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COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, DELEGATE

Comments

DELEGATES

OIE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

Adoption
Regional Commissions and Regional Representatives

- Americas
- Asia/Oceana
- Europe
- Middle East
- Africa
OIE – 73rd General Session
Provisional Program

- Technical Items
- Activities
  - Specialist Commissions
  - Working Groups
- Animal Health Status Worldwide – 2004
- Administrative Issues
  - Budget
  - Future work
  - Elections
Established or reconvened many ad hoc groups
  - Animal Welfare (various)
  - BSE
  - Disease Notification
  - Avian Influenza
AHC Chapters for Comment
December 2004 Report

- Diseases of Bees
- BSE
  - Updates to current chapter
  - BSE surveillance
  - Simplified Chapter
- Avian Influenza
  - Notifiable
  - Surveillance
  - Compartment
OIE Working Group on Animal Welfare

- Land transportation
- Sea transport
- Humane slaughter
- Depopulation for disease control
- Aquatic animal welfare
Priorities

- **Code chapter comments**
  - Timely, properly formatted and supporting documentation
  - Representative and participative
    - APHIS/VS, ARS, FSIS, Other Federal
    - Industry, Academia (subject experts), State
  - Science based

- **Surveys and questionnaires**

- **Reporting disease events**

- **Communication with the Central Bureau**
OIE Code Chapters – Transparency

- APHIS/VS Web page:
  - www.aphis.usda.gov/ncie/oie/
  - Proposed Code chapter changes
  - APHIS/VS Comments
- Agriculture Coalition Group
- Quads group and NAAHC
- IICA, OIRSA
- Regional Commission
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