Introduction of WOAH Standards on animal welfare

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(1) THE WOAH AND ANIMAL WELFARE: A STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

Resolution No. XIV from the 70th WOAH General Session, 26 - 31 May 2002

 Animal welfare has been identified as a strategic priority for the WOAH since 2001, under the mandate granted by all Members.

Resolution No. XXXI from 85th General Session. 21-26 May 2017

 The WOAH Global Animal Welfare Strategy was developed from lessons learned from actions taken at national and regional level and aims to be a source of ongoing guidance for the WOAH's activities in this area, and it's based in four main pillars.



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



PILLARS ACTIVITIES



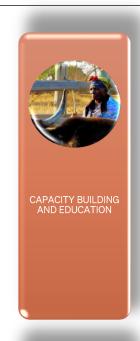
- Historic role of the WOAH in protecting animal health - Animal health is a key component of animal welfare.
- Texts applicable to all WOAH Members with diverse socio-economic, agroecological, cultural and religious contexts,
- Guiding principles and recommendations rather a piece of regulation,
- The important support to peoples' livelihoods and agriculture output,
- To date Fourteen Animal Welfare chapters have been published in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code and Four chapters in the Aquatic Animal Health Code.

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Regional Animal Welfare Strategies and Platforms

- Regional priorities
- Governance
- Action plan



- Active participation of Animal Welfare Collaborating Centers (AWCC Network)
- WOAH Training Portal (https://training.oie.int/)
- National Animal Welfare Focal Point Seminars
- Development of e-leaning modules

https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-welfare/capacity-building-and-education/



WOAH ANIMAL WELFARE GLOBAL FORUM



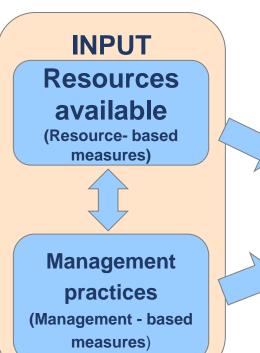
https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-welfare/communication-with-stakehold



CONCEPTS USED ON THE WOAH ANIMAL WELFARE

STANDARDS





Factors

(Hazards)

Animal tries to cope

OUTCOME

Response of of the animal

Effects on the animal

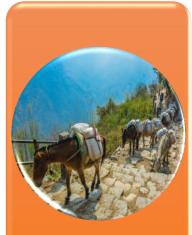
(Animal - based measures)

Indicate the animal's welfare (welfare indicator)

Consequences (Adverse effects)



OIE STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE



Terrestrial
Animal Health
Code: Section 7

Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare (2003)

Transport of animals by land (1998/2005)

Transport of animals by sea (1998/2005)

Transport of animals by air (1998/2005)

Slaughter of animals for human consumption (2005)

Killing of animals for disease control purposes (2005)

Dog population management (2009)

Use of animals in research and education (2010)

Animal Welfare and Beef Cattle Production Systems (2012)

Animal Welfare and Broiler Chicken Production Systems (2013)

Animal Welfare and Dairy Cattle Production Systems (2015)

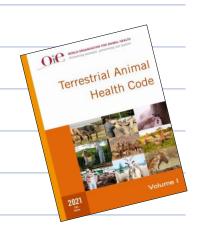
Welfare of Working Equids (2016)

Animal Welfare and Pig Production Systems (2018)

Killing of Reptiles for their Skins, Meat and Other Products (2019)

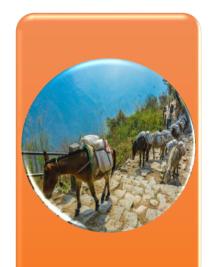


STANDARDS





OIE STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE



DEVELOPMENT OF

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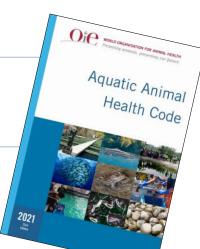
Aquatic Animal Health Code: Section 7

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)





ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS UNDER REVIEW

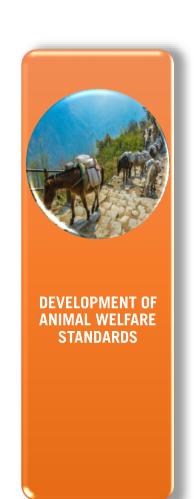
(TERRESTRIAL CODE)

February meeting report

Chapter 7.5. Slaughter of animals (proposed: Animal Welfare during slaughter) and related definitions;



- ☐ Chapter 7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes;
- ☐ Chapters 7.2. and 7.3. Transport of animals by sea and land;
 - Guidance documents on animal transport by sea and land (models of checklist and emergency plan) jointly under preparation with the support of the WOAH AW CCs;
- Chapter 7.4. Transport of animals by air and
- Chapter 7.1. Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare



Thank you!

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