

Terms of Reference for the WOAHA Focal Point for Animal Welfare

Details on proposed tasks of the focal point for animal welfare:

1. to establish a network of animal welfare experts within his/her territory or to communicate with the existing network;
2. to establish and maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority for animal welfare in his/her territory, and to facilitate cooperation and communication among several authorities where responsibility is shared;
3. to receive from the WOAHA Headquarters copies of the reports of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Code Commission), including reports of the WOAHA Animal Welfare Working Group and other relevant reports;
4. to conduct the domestic consultation process with recognised animal welfare experts on draft texts proposed in those reports as well as draft standards proposed by the Code Commission when dealing with animal welfare; and
5. to prepare comments for the Delegate on each of the relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual WOAHA Member and/or the region, including comments on the proposals for new or revised WOAHA standards related to animal welfare.