

## **OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Feed Safety**

15 – 16 January 2019, Tokyo, Japan

### **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **CONSIDERING THAT:**

1. Animal feed plays a leading role in the global food industry as a critical component in the food chain with multi-stakeholders involvement to ensure the sustainable production of safe, affordable and sustainable animal proteins;
2. The challenges on animal feed are not only to meet the growing demand, but also to ensure its safety as an essential prerequisite for food safety and human health as well as a necessity for animal health and welfare of which quality assurance is essential;
3. The OIE and Codex establish international standards and guidelines and provide assistance to Members to better address animal feed safety issues;
4. The Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center (FAMIC) of Japan has been designated as the first OIE Collaborating Centre for Animal Feed Safety and Analysis since 2009 and has been supporting Members to improve their technical competency in this field in the region;
5. Following the joint OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific (RRAP) and the Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific of FAO (FAO-APHCA) Regional Workshop on Feed Safety “Feed borne Disease Prevention” in collaboration with FAMIC in 2010, the OIE, FAO and FAMIC have conducted follow-up actions/activities in line with the workshop recommendations and the OIE has held the Regional Workshop on Animal Feed Safety in collaboration with FAMIC from 15-16 January 2019;
6. Animal Feed safety situation including aspects on regulatory system, manufacturing management, quality control and monitoring mechanisms for antimicrobial use in animal feed as growth promoters vary considerably in the region, and the respective gaps and ways forward are identified in this workshop;
7. Regional laboratory networking amongst the national animal feed laboratories is important for information sharing and capacity building, and the objectives and expectations for establishing such network are addressed in this workshop;

8. The critical competency on animal feed safety has been included in the OIE PVS Tool since 2013 and many Members in the region have not yet conducted PVS Evaluation on this critical competency.

## **THE WORKSHOP RECOMMENDS:**

### **That OIE Members**

1. To implement international standards of the OIE and Codex, and be more familiar with other standard setting bodies such as European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), to address concerns regarding control of hazards in animal feed and involve in standard-setting procedures more actively;
2. To consider reviewing, updating and strengthening their respective frameworks, including enforcement, as necessary according to the international standards of the OIE and Codex, if having an existing regulatory framework on animal feed;
3. To consider establishing a regulatory framework based on the international standards of the OIE and Codex, if without any existing regulatory framework on animal feed;
4. To engage stakeholders as much as possible to raise awareness on animal feed safety issues, including but not limited to educating on the importance of feed safety, emphasizing the responsibilities of each key player and addressing the concerns related to antimicrobial use in animal feed;
5. To ensure that national guidelines on good agricultural practices for farmers and good manufacturing practices for manufacturers are aligned with the relevant international standards and are compiled with;
6. To promote prudent use of antimicrobial agents in animal feed in line with OIE standards and recommendations;
7. To designate contact persons for the laboratory network on feed safety that will be hosted by FAMIC. While waiting for the official designation, the participants in this workshop shall be considered as initial contact persons for the laboratory network;
8. To strengthen collaboration between regulatory authority and national laboratory on animal feed, as well as cooperation between national focal point for animal production food safety and contact person who is in charge of feed safety;
9. To review and implement the findings of the OIE PVS evaluation missions done for respective Members and/or request for follow-up missions as necessary;

### **That FAMIC**

10. To continue to develop and share hazard cards as well as validated fit-for-purpose analytical methods for prioritized animal feed hazards;
11. To continue to provide technical support to Members in the region through organising hands-on technical training programmes on analysis of prioritized hazards in animal feed and other laboratory capacity building programmes including but not limited to regulatory framework;
12. As the OIE Collaborating Centre for Animal Feed Safety and Analysis, to develop and host the regional laboratory network on animal feed. For this purpose, FAMIC will propose a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) to Members for their consideration and endorsement in due course;

### **That the OIE**

13. To continue to collaborate with partners such as FAO to promote the implementation of international standards and guidelines on animal feed safety;
14. To consider encouraging the collaboration between OIE Collaborating Center for Animal Feed Safety and Analysis and the OIE Collaborating Center on Food Safety to better address animal feed safety issues;
15. To continue to assist Members in developing or reviewing their regulatory framework on animal feed, e.g. to encourage participation of Members in OIE veterinary legislation mission;
16. To continue to collaborate with partners working on AMR to ensure synergy in supporting Members in strengthening laboratory capacities on AMR detection and mitigation;
17. To support the regional laboratory network on animal feed and technical training organized by FAMIC;
18. To consider holding further follow-up workshops on animal feed safety and/or related workshops periodically, in collaboration with other partners as necessary.

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