Private sector organizations:
Work in support of the implementation of the OIE Animal Welfare Standards

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Outline

• Approved OIE animal welfare (AW) standards dealing with farm animals;

• Supporting the OIE AW standards:
  ✓ Capacity building;
  ✓ Setting industry guidelines and codes of practice;
  ✓ Development of internal evaluations / audits;
  ✓ Validation and feedback on the OIE standards;

• Proactive role of the private sector organizations;
OIE approved AW chapters dealing with farm animals

- Chapter 7.1 – Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare;
- Chapter 7.2 – Transport of animals by sea;
- Chapter 7.3 – Transport of animals by land;
- Chapter 7.4 – Transport of animals by air;
- Chapter 7.5 – Slaughter of animals;
- Chapter 7.6 – Killing of animals for disease control purposes;
- Chapter 7.9 – Animal welfare and beef cattle productions systems;
Transport of animals by land

• Transportation of animals is a stressful time;
• Welfare of animals affected if not fit for the scheduled trip;
• Training of personnel is a critical step;
• Effectiveness of training:
  ✓ Materials provided;
  ✓ Means of delivery;
Capacity building

Development of training materials

- Cooperation between the poultry private sectors, academia and local governments;
- Development of training booklet with pictures, graphs and other relevant information;

Training delivery

- Class room setting to review information with farm workers and animal catchers;
- Review cases with voting options for following steps – instant feedback to the instructor;
Capacity building

Transport of animals by sea

• Cooperation between private sector and government to provide proper training tools to exporters;

Capacity building

AW does not end with transportation

- Private sector is also concerned about the welfare of animals once at destination;
- Development of materials adapted to the needs of country of destination;

Codes of practice

Killing for disease control purpose

- The OIE standards serve as the base for private sector-developed code of practice;
- Collaboration private sector – veterinary practitioner association;
- Workforce language skills considered to guarantee the proper implementation of recommendations;

Codes of practice

Killing for disease control purpose

- Importance to be prepared with a detailed plan of action;
- Employee training records, accessible and auditable;

Animal welfare and Beef production

- Communication to producers of the AW standards and the means to achieve them – concrete examples;
- Value of AW standards = clear recognition and appreciation of productivity benefits from good animal welfare practices;

http://www.produccion-animal.com.ar/
Animal welfare standards

- Standards are valuable when applied and monitored for compliance;
- In some fields and in some countries, government veterinary services play an auditing role;
- Various types of audit systems are used by the private sectors to ensure compliance with standards:
  - Self-audits;
  - Customer audits;
  - Independent, 3rd party audit systems;
Evaluations / audits

Slaughter of animals

- Standards designed through broad consultation with academia, NGOs and government;
- Definition of 6 main standards;
- Performance indicators for implementation;
- Audit checklist for monitoring purposes;

Evaluations / audits

Tools for auditing standards

- Each item within the standards is audited;
- Clear targets are defined and used to assess compliance;
- Monitoring procedures for AW indicators like “slips and falls” and vocalisation;

http://www.amic.org.au/content_common/pg‐amics‐animal‐welfare‐standards‐for‐processing‐establishments.seo
Evaluations / audits

Transport of animals by sea

• Transparency of results are key attributes to keep the trust of regulators and consumers;
• Monitoring and trends analysis allows for continuous improvements;

Private sectors – OIE AW standards

• The private livestock sectors are at the interface between OIE AW standards and the animals on a daily basis;

• Provided expertise at various ad hoc groups established to draft the different OIE AW chapters;

• Feedback to the OIE:
  • Via representations at the OIE AW Working Group;
  • Via local organizations and CVOs;
Proactive roles

Development of AW best practices

• Development of science-based AW guidelines & codes of practice;
• Implementation & auditing;
• Re-assessment and Continuous improvement process;
Proactive roles

Promoting Animal Welfare research

• Egg Farmers of Canada – Sponsorship of a chair on Poultry Welfare at the University of Guelph;

http://www.uoguelph.ca/csaw/

• Multi-stakeholder research project on 3 different egg production systems, conducted under commercial conditions in the USA over 3 years;

http://www2.sustainableeggcoalition.org/research
Proactive roles

Sharing of best practices

• Provide expertise for future ad hoc groups established to draft the different OIE AW chapters;

• Many training documents and valuable resources for the implementation of the OIE standards have been developed by the private sectors in many countries:
  ✓ How can we share better the information available?
  ✓ How can we assist the countries in need of support to implement the OIE AW standards?
Conclusions

• The private sector organizations have developed a number of training tools and resources to assist in the local implementation, monitoring and auditing of the current OIE AW standards;

• The private livestock sectors are partnering with academia and NGOs to develop sound AW research;

• The private sector organizations are actively engaged in the development of new standards, contributing knowledge and field expertise to the new AW chapters;
Terima kasih
Thank you
Merci beaucoup
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