

WORLD ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND OF THE OIE

ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITION

The World Animal Health and Welfare Fund¹ (the Fund) of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is an OIE special account set up in application of Article 7.3. of the Financial Regulations. It is managed in accordance with the administrative and financial rules of the OIE, subject to the provisions below.

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

The purpose of the special account referred to in Article 1 is to receive and describe the use made of support funds paid by third parties for the purpose of projects of international public utility relating to the control of animal diseases, including those affecting humans, and the promotion of animal welfare and animal production food safety.

The purpose of the Fund is to support:

- good governance of national Veterinary Services
- implementation of action programmes,
- implementation of training programmes,
- establishment and maintenance of vaccine banks,
- organisation of seminars, conferences and workshops,
- editing and distribution of scientific and technical publications,
- production of information media,
- implementation of basic and applied scientific research programmes,
- OIE Strategic Plans approved by the Member Countries,
- activities of developing countries in the aforementioned fields.

ARTICLE 3 – FINANCING OF ACTIVITIES

- a) The resources of the Fund shall consist of subsidies, donations and legacies provided by public or private bodies or institutions and private persons.
- b) These support funds shall not give rise to any reciprocal consideration of a political, economic, commercial or administrative nature. The use for which they are intended must be in accordance with the purpose of the Fund, as described in Article 2.
- c) Subsidies, donations and legacies assigned to the Fund shall be accepted by the Director General in accordance with the conditions set out in Article 6.2 of the Financial Regulations of the OIE. The Director General shall in each case evaluate the purpose of the funds, verify its compliance with the aims of the OIE and ensure that the use of the said funds will in no way jeopardise the independence of the OIE.
- d) The resources of the Fund shall be used under the conditions defined in Articles 4 and 5 below, in accordance with the objectives fixed by the donor and accepted by the Director General.

ARTICLE 4 – MANAGEMENT

- a) The Director General shall ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the financial rules of the OIE and the objectives fixed by the activity programme.

¹ Resolution No. XVII adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 28 May 2004.

- b) The Director General shall be assisted by a Management Committee and an Advisory Committee.
- c) The Council shall determine the Terms of Reference of the Management Committee.
- d) The Management Committee shall comprise the President and two members designated by the Council of the OIE and chosen from among its own members; it shall be chaired by the President or, in the absence of the President, the Vice-President. A representative of the Advisory Committee shall be invited to participate in the work of the Management Committee in a consultative capacity.
- e) The Management Committee shall be convened by the President. It establishes the activity programme of the Fund on the proposal of the Director General.
- f) The Director General shall inform the Management Committee of the management of funds and the implementation of the activity programme.
- g) The Director General shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee representing donor bodies and other interested parties. The Advisory Committee shall appoint its own Chairperson on a rotating basis and shall designate one of its members to represent it on the Management Committee.

ARTICLE 5 – ASSETS AND EXPENSES

- a) Administrative expenses shall be reimbursed to the Regular Budget of the OIE upon presentation of the necessary vouchers or in the form of a fixed sum agreed with the donor.
- b) The available assets of the Fund shall be invested in accordance with the procedures and conditions fixed by Article 9 of the Financial Regulations of the OIE. The Management Committee shall be informed of these investments.

ARTICLE 6 – ACCOUNTING

- a) The accounts of the Fund shall be kept in the same manner as those of the OIE, of which they are an integral part. The following annual statements shall be prepared:
 - i. An income statement;
 - ii. A statement of the financial situation;
 - iii. A statement showing the implementation of the programme.
- b) Within the special account, appropriation accounts shall be created to record the use made of each of the duly accepted donations or subsidies.
- c) Provisions may be created to help finance activities spread over several financial years.
- d) The accounts and the financial operations of the Fund shall be subject to the same internal and external controls as the other accounts and operations of the OIE.
- e) For their use, the credit lines available to the Fund in respect of donations and subsidies may be transferred to other special accounts or to the regular budget; cost accounting makes it possible to ensure that the funds thus transferred have been used for the appropriate purpose.

ARTICLE 7 – CLOSURE

Closure of the Fund shall be decided upon by the Assembly on the proposal of the Director General and with the approval of the Management Committee.

This decision shall determine, if appropriate, where the assets of the Fund are to be allocated.