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The OIE - Performance of Veterinary Services tool (PVS) and the task of Veterinary Statutory body to guarantee the quality of the veterinary profession

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The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Tool for the Evaluation of the Performance of Veterinary Services (OIE-PVS Tool) is designed to assist Veterinary Services (VS) to establish their current level of performance, to identify gaps and weaknesses regarding their ability to comply with OIE international standards, to form a shared vision with stakeholders (including the private sector) and to establish priorities and carry out strategic initiatives. The OIE PVS Tool comprises 4 fundamental components, being (1) Human, physical, and financial resources; (2) Technical authority and capability, (3) Interaction with stakeholders; and (4) Access to markets. For each of these components six to twelve critical competencies, each with five levels of quantitative advancement, have been elaborated. A specific critical competency deals exclusively with the 'Veterinary Statutory Body (VSB)'. The VSB evaluation criteria as defined in Chapter 3.2, Article 3.2.12 of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* are addressed and the powers and tasks of the VSB as an autonomous authority responsible for the regulation of the veterinarians and veterinary para-professionals are described in relation to ensuring and guaranteeing the quality of the veterinary profession. In this context the OIE-PVS tool critical competencies 'Competencies of veterinarians and veterinary para-professions' and 'Continuing education', as part of the VSB's tasks in guaranteeing the quality of VS, are highlighted.

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