

RESOLUTION No. XXII

**Animal Production Food Safety**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The permanent Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety, established by the Director General in 2002, met for the fifth time in 2006, and drafted a work programme for 2006/2007,
2. The Working Group has developed various texts aimed at minimizing food safety risks associated with hazards in animal production, including a ‘Guide on Good Farming Practices’,
3. The Working Group has produced a guidance paper on the ‘Cooperation between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the OIE on food safety throughout the food chain’,
4. The Working Group has developed a draft chapter for the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* on “Guidelines for the control of hazards of animal health and public health importance through *ante-* and *post-mortem* meat inspection”,
5. The Working Group has reviewed the work of the *ad hoc* Group on identification and traceability of live animals which produced a draft chapter for the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* on “Animal identification and traceability”,
6. The OIE and the Codex Alimentarius Commission have continued to work together to ensure food safety standards being developed by either party take a whole of food chain approach to addressing food safety, and ensure as much consistency as possible with each others’ work,
7. The work on animal production food safety also benefits from cooperation with FAO and WHO that provide additional expert advice and expertise in food safety, zoonoses and related issues,
8. The Working Group, when examining proposals for revision of model certificates, has identified the need for specialised technical advice in this area.

THE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Director General continue to rely on the Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety to advise him as well as the relevant OIE Specialist Commissions on OIE activities in the area of animal production food safety,
2. The participation of FAO and WHO experts as members of this Working Group be continued to further strengthen the collaboration between OIE and Codex,

3. The Working Group's 2006/2007 work programme be a guide for the OIE's activities on animal production food safety for the next year, and the Working Group be provided with the necessary resources to address the priorities listed.
4. The Working Group give special attention to its work on animal identification and traceability, and to drafting texts dealing with food borne zoonoses and animal feeding, complementing relevant Codex Alimentarius texts, for consideration by the Terrestrial Animal Health Code Commission,
5. An *ad hoc* Group be established to revise the current OIE model certificates, bearing in mind the need for a common approach with the other international standards and requirements, and the use of electronic certification. The development of the certificates addressing animal health and food safety be established to minimise the administrative load before product export,
6. The OIE develop a new document on the role and functionality of Veterinary Services in food safety, in order to describe the involvement of Veterinary Services in food safety activities which encompass both public and animal health objectives.

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