

RESOLUTION No. XXV

Animal Production Food Safety

CONSIDERING THAT

1. At the 71st General Session in May 2003, the International Committee recommended that the OIE continue to work closely with the relevant international agencies, particularly the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), and relevant committees and expert groups, regarding animal production food safety,
2. The Director General has established a permanent Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety, which has met again in 2004, and has drafted a work programme for 2004/2005,
3. The Working Group is developing guidelines for “Good Farming Practices” to address food safety risks at the farm level,
4. Member Countries have provided feedback on the Working Group’s paper entitled “Role and functionality of Veterinary Services throughout the food chain”, and the Working Group is developing further material designed specifically for Veterinary Services and their role in meat hygiene where programmes need to address both animal and public health objectives,
5. The OIE and the CAC have continued to work together to ensure standards being developed by either party take a whole of food chain approach to addressing food safety and cross reference each others work when appropriate,

THE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Director General maintains the Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety to advise him on OIE activities in the area of animal production food safety.
2. The Working Group’s 2004/2005 work programme be a guide for the OIE’s activities on animal production food safety for the next 12 months, and the OIE be provided with the necessary resources to address the priorities listed.
3. Of the priorities listed, the Working Group gives special attention to completing the guidelines on “Good Farming Practice” for use by Member Countries and continuing its work on providing Veterinary Services with guidelines to developing meat hygiene programmes that serve both animal and public health objectives.

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