

RESOLUTION No. 19

**Animal Production Food Safety**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The permanent Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety, established by the Director General in 2002, held its ninth meeting in November 2009 and drafted a work programme for 2010. It also proposed some minor amendments to its Terms of Reference and Modus operandi;
2. The Working Group has developed various texts aimed at minimising food safety risks associated with hazards in animal production, including a *Guide to Good Farming Practices*. The text has been finalised and will be published in cooperation with FAO in English, French and Spanish;
3. The Working Group has reviewed the revised *Terrestrial* and *Aquatic Code* chapters on the control of hazards of animal health and public health importance in animal feed and a draft text on control of such hazards in heat-treated petfood;
4. The Working Group has reviewed a discussion paper by Dr Knight-Jones on priority pathogens for standard setting by OIE and recommended that it be sent to OIE Members for comment prior to making a decision on which pathogens should be given priority for standard setting in OIE;
5. The OIE and the Codex Alimentarius Commission continued to work together to ensure that standards relevant to animal production food safety developed by both organisations are consistent and take a ‘whole food chain’ approach to food safety;
6. The work on animal production food safety benefits from cooperation between the OIE and the FAO and WHO, which provide additional expert advice and expertise in regard to food safety, zoonotic diseases and related issues.

THE ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Director General retain the Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety to advise him and the relevant Specialist Commissions on issues relevant to animal production food safety, with the amended Terms of Reference shown in Annex VIII to the report of the ninth meeting of the Working Group.
2. The participation of high level FAO and WHO experts as members of this Working Group be maintained, to further strengthen the collaboration between OIE and Codex.
3. The 2010 work programme prepared by the Working Group guide the OIE’s activities on animal production food safety during the next 12 months, with provision of the resources needed to address the identified priorities.

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