

RESOLUTION No. XXV

**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 seventh meeting in November 2007 and drafted a work programme for 2008.
2. The Working Group has developed a document on *The role of the Veterinary Services in food safety*, the purpose of which is to provide guidance to OIE Members in regard to the role and responsibilities of Veterinary Services in food safety, to assist them in meeting food safety objectives laid down in national legislation and the requirements of importing countries.
3. The Working Group has developed various texts aimed at minimizing food safety risks associated with hazards in animal production, including a *Guide to Good Farming Practices*. A draft of the Guide, prepared by an *ad hoc* Group, was reviewed by the Working Group and will be finalised and published in cooperation with FAO.
4. The Working Group reviewed a revised draft document *Guidelines for the Control of Hazards of Animal Health and Public Health Importance in Animal Feed*, in light of comments from OIE Members and the Terrestrial Code Commission. The Working Group also made recommendations on the development of OIE guidelines relating to feed for aquatic animals.
5. The Working Group discussed the report of an *ad hoc* Group on OIE Model Veterinary Certificates, in light of the comments of OIE Members and the Terrestrial Code Commission, and made a number of recommendations on the further development of this document.
6. The Working Group reviewed the draft *Guidelines on the Detection, Control and Prevention of Salmonella enteritidis and S. typhimurium in Poultry Producing Eggs for Human Consumption* produced by an *ad hoc* Group in light of OIE Member comments on this draft. The Working Group also reviewed the terms of reference for the *ad hoc* Group that will be convened to develop recommendations on the detection, prevention and control of salmonella in broiler chickens.
7. The OIE and the Codex Alimentarius Commission continued to work together to ensure that standards relevant to animal production food safety developed by either party are consistent and take a ‘whole food chain’ approach to food safety,
8. The work on animal production food safety benefits from cooperation with FAO and WHO, which provide additional expert advice and expertise in regard to food safety, zoonotic diseases and related issues.

THE COMMITTEE

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.
  2. The participation of FAO and WHO high level experts as members of this Working Group be continued to further strengthen the collaboration between OIE and Codex.
  3. The 2008 work programme prepared by the Working Group guide the OIE's activities on animal production food safety during the next 12 months, and the Working Group be provided with resources needed to address the identified priorities.
  4. Of the priorities listed in the work programme, the Working Group give special attention to its work on the development of texts on animal identification and traceability; animal feed, including feed for aquatic animals; and salmonellosis in poultry; for consideration by the International Committee.
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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 27 May 2008)