

RESOLUTION No. 22

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 twelfth meeting in November 2012 and drafted a work programme for 2013,
2. 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,
3. 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,
4. The Director General has asked National Delegates to nominate national focal points for animal production food safety according to proposed terms of reference,
5. That the OIE continues to organise seminars for national focal points in all five OIE regions, with the objective of providing information and contributing to capacity building of veterinary services,
6. OIE Member Countries adopted Resolution No. 26 on the ‘Roles of public and private standards in animal health and animal welfare’ at the 78th General Session in 2010.

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.
2. The participation of high level FAO and WHO experts as members of this Working Group be maintained, and appropriate activities undertaken with the objective of further strengthening the collaboration between OIE and Codex.
3. The 2013 work programme prepared by the Working Group guide the OIE’s activities in the field of animal production food safety in the next 12 months, with provision of the resources needed to address the identified priorities.
4. The Director General continue to work with the Codex Committee on General Principles to develop methods providing for harmonisation of approaches, in particular regarding cross references between OIE and Codex standards.

5. The Director General continue dialogue with the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), GLOBALG.A.P., the International Standardization Organization (ISO) and the Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere initiative (SSAFE) to ensure awareness of and compliance with OIE science-based animal production food safety standards.
 6. The Director General continue to organise seminars for the national animal production food safety focal points designated by Delegates.
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