

RESOLUTION No. 24

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 eighth meeting in November 2008 and drafted a work programme for 2009.
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 for Animal Production Food Safety*. The text has been finalised and will be published in cooperation with FAO in English, French and Spanish.
3. The Working Group reviewed a revised draft document *The Control of Hazards of Animal Health and Public Health Importance in Animal Feed*, in light of comments from OIE Members and the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission. The Working Group also made recommendations on the development of an OIE standard relating to feed for aquatic animals.
4. The Working Group reviewed the draft Chapter on the *Detection, Control and Prevention of Salmonella spp. in Poultry* produced by an *ad hoc* Group, in light of comments from OIE Members and the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission.
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.
7. The proposed expansion of the mandate of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission to address food safety was proposed for approval by the International Committee.

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 high level FAO and WHO experts and executive level officials and experts of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as members of this Working Group be maintained, to further strengthen the collaboration between OIE and Codex.

3. The 2009 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, including the development of standards for the control of all relevant pathogens at production level.
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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 26 May 2009)