

RESOLUTION No. 25

**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 thirteenth meeting in October 2013 and drafted a work programme for 2014,
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. During the FAO/OIE/WHO Tripartite meeting held in February 2012, FAO and WHO asked the OIE to encourage its Member Countries to designate INFOSAN Focal Points from their official Veterinary Services,
6. 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,
7. The OIE Council, during its February 2014 meeting, made some amendments to the Terms of Reference and *Modus Operandi* of the Animal Production Food Safety Working Group.

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 2014 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 Terms of Reference and *Modus Operandi* of the Animal Production Food Safety Working Group be revised as shown in Annex I.
  5. The Director General continue to work with Codex to implement measures to promote collaboration, in particular the adoption of systematic procedures for cross referencing between OIE and Codex standards, the enhancement of processes to identify joint priorities of mutual interest, and to strengthen collaboration at the national and regional level.
  6. 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) and other relevant organisations from the private sector to ensure their awareness of and compliance with OIE science-based animal production food safety standards.
  7. National OIE Delegates collaborate with their public health counterparts and that OIE Delegates designate the national OIE Focal Point for animal production food safety to be the same person as the INFOSAN Focal Point or, if is not possible, to nominate an officer from Veterinary Services as both the INFOSAN Emergency Contact Point and OIE Focal Point.
  8. The Director General continue to organise seminars for the national animal production food safety focal points designated by Delegates.
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