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OIE Chapter 7.12. on the Welfare of Working Equids

Awareness day on the welfare of working equids
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OIE animal welfare standards

OIE ANIMAL WELFARE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

- Historical role of the OIE in protecting animal health
=> animal health standard setting
- Animal health is a key component of animal welfare,
- OIE mandate was broadened in 2002 to include animal welfare and take the lead internationally on animal welfare.



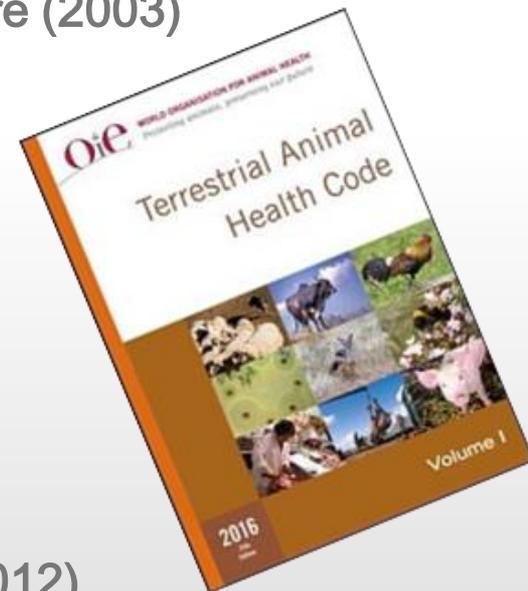
Started international standard setting for animal welfare

OIE STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE

Terrestrial Animal Health Code: Section 7

[\(http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/\)](http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/)

- Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare (2003)
- Transport of animals by land (2005)
- Transport of animals by sea (2005)
- Transport of animals by air (2005)
- Slaughter of animals (2005)
- Killing of animals for disease control purposes (2005)
- Control of stray dog populations (2009)
- Use of animals in research and education (2010)
- Animal welfare and beef cattle production systems (2012)
- Animal welfare and broiler chicken production systems (2013)
- Animal welfare and dairy cattle production systems (2015)
- **Welfare of working equids (2016)**

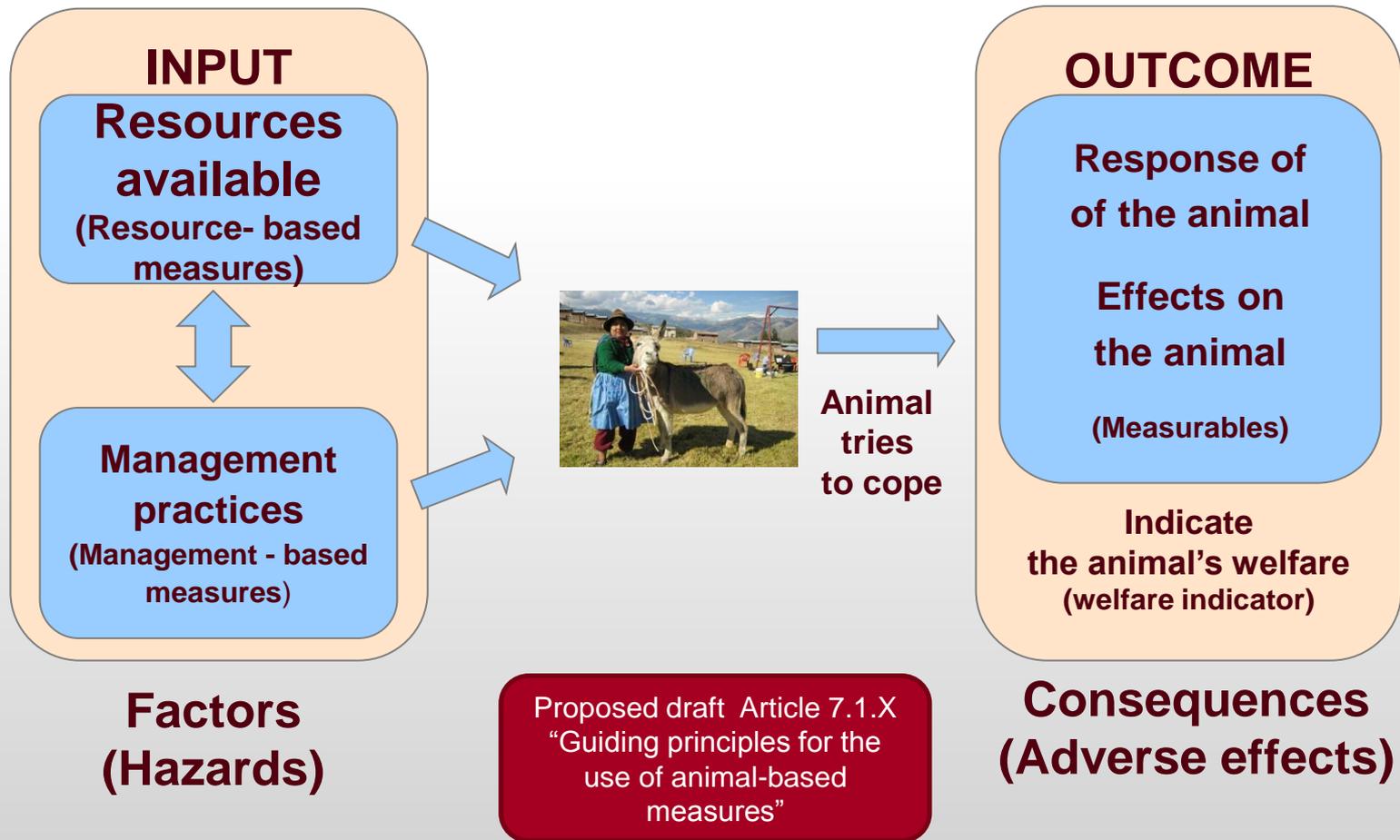


CHALLENGES FOR STANDARD DEVELOPMENT

- Complexity of Animal Welfare with not only scientific, but also ethical, cultural, religious, economic and political dimensions.
 - **Essential to have a scientific base**, but for adoption, many factors must be considered.
- Need to address AW on a global basis.
 - OIE standards need to be **relevant to all Members**;
 - **Livestock production systems are extremely diverse**, even within the same country,



CONCEPT SHIFT OF OIE ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS



Why working animals.....equids

BACKGROUND (1)

- The relationship between humans and working animals is an important part of the history of mankind.
- Working animals are kept as a source of valuable products, services, financial security and capital.
- A wide range of animal species is used in a very wide range of activities.
- Approximately 1 billion people, including many of the world's poorest, depend directly on animals for their livelihoods.
- The recognition of the 'renewable' nature of animal-derived energy may in future provide an impetus for promoting the use of working animals, and their welfare.

BACKGROUND (2)

- The OIE should convene an expert group.
- To develop a standard to be included in the Terrestrial Code
- The welfare of animals used in **transport and traction** in poor communities, including in rural and urban settings, should be addressed as a matter of high priority due to the contribution that these animals can make to livelihoods and in light of the urgent need to improve the welfare of these animals.

BACKGROUND (3)

- The OIE should identify actions to promote the welfare of working animals and, with this objective, to secure **engagement not only of Veterinary Services** but also of government agencies responsible for social and economic development, and of donor organisations”.
- The OIE should promote research that could demonstrate the economic contribution of working animals and the cost/benefit of programs to improve animal health and welfare. In collaboration with a donor organisation, perhaps the OIE could commission a small research project in this area”.

DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE OIE WITH RESPECT TO THE WELFARE OF WORKING ANIMALS

http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/esp/Animal_Welfare/docs/pdf/Otros/Working_equids/A_Working_equids.pdf

OIE AD HOC GROUPS

- Convened to develop texts on specific topics, as the basis for OIE standards
- Membership: Academia, government and private sector
- More than a hundred experts have participated developing OIE animal welfare standards.

**Welfare of working equids
ad hoc Group**



Introduction to *Chapter* 7.12.

ARTICLE 7.12.2.

SCOPE

- This chapter applies to **horses, donkeys and mules** that are destined, used for or retired from traction, transport and generation of income. Equids used in sports or competitions, leisure activities, research or kept solely for the production of meat or biopharmaceuticals, are excluded.



ARTICLE 7.12.3. RESPONSIBILITIES

Should have personnel with the requisite knowledge and skill to perform their duties.

- Veterinary Authority
- Other government agencies
- Local government authorities
- Private veterinarians
- Non-governmental organisations
- Working equid owners and users

ARTICLE 7.12.4. CRITERIA

- 1.Behaviour
- 2.Morbidity and mortality
- 3.Body condition and physical appearance
- 4.Handling responses
- 5.Complications due to management practices
- 6.Lameness
- 7.Fitness to work

7.12.5

RECOMMENDATIONS

Articles 7.12.6 to 7.12.13:

- Feeding and provision of water
- Shelter
- Management of disease and injuries
- Handling and management practice
- Behaviour
- End of working life
- Appropriate workloads
- Farriery and harnessing



OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy



Vision

A world where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and advanced, in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health, human well-being, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.



INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE

ADOPTED STANDARDS FOR TERRESTRIAL ANIMALS



TRANSPORT

By sea
By land
By air

USE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

Beef cattle
Broiler chickens
Dairy cattle

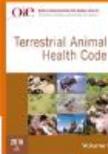
SLAUGHTER

Animals slaughtered for human consumption
Animals killed for disease control purposes

STRAY DOG POPULATION CONTROL

WORKING EQUIDS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND SCIENTIFIC BASIS



GUIDELINES

DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RISK REDUCTION

In relation to animal health and welfare and veterinary public health

ADOPTED STANDARDS FOR FARMED FISH



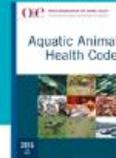
TRANSPORT

By sea
By land
By air

SLAUGHTER

Farmed fish slaughtered for human consumption
Farmed fish killed for disease control purposes

INTRODUCTION TO RECOMMENDATIONS



WORK IN PROGRESS

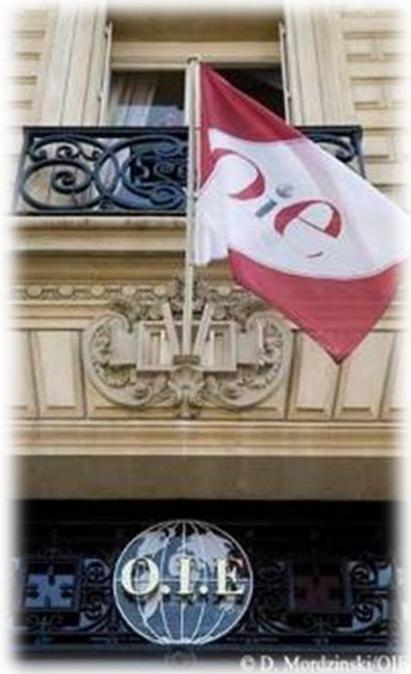
SLAUGHTER

Farmed reptiles

PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

Swine
Laying hens





Спасибо за внимание.

Gracias por su
atención

Thank you for your
attention.

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attention.



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