



TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS: OIE ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND PERSPECTIVE

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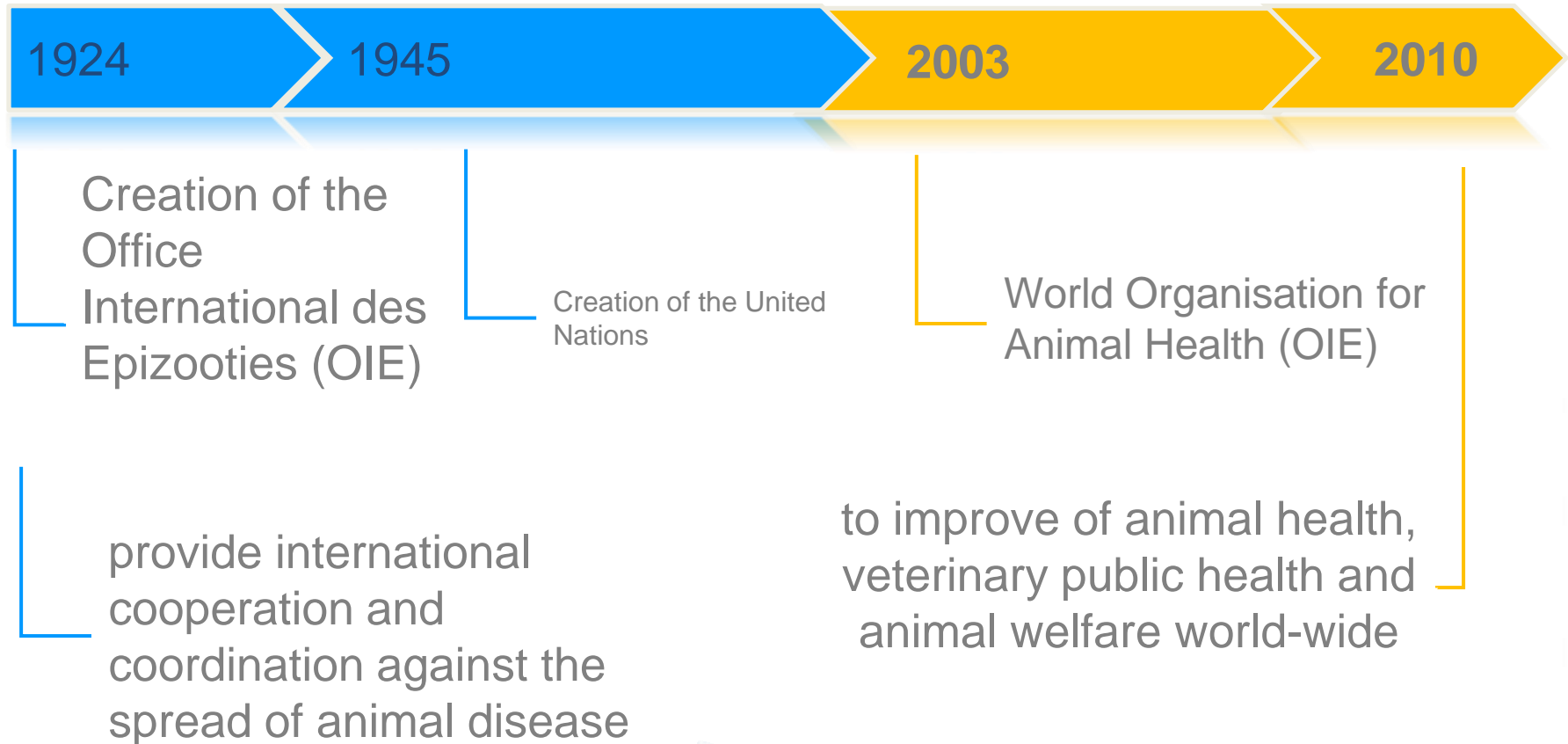
Overview



- OIE in animal welfare
- OIE animal welfare standards
- OIE standards on transport of animals
- OIE standards on transport of animals by land



World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)



178 Member Countries in 2013

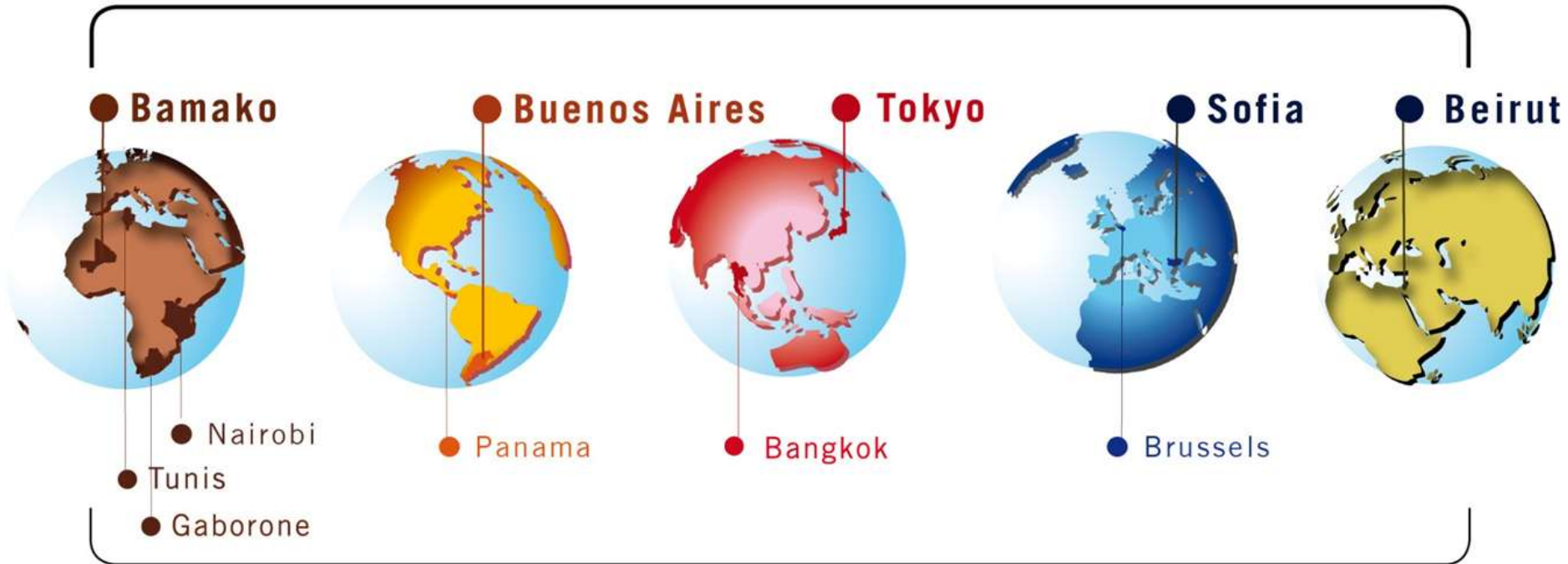


Africa 52 – Americas 30 – Asia, the Far East and Oceania 36
Europe 53 – Middle-East 20

Some countries belong to more than one region

OIE Regional and Sub-Regional representations

Regional Representations



Sub-Regional Representations

OIE Missions



Scientific Information

International Solidarity

Transparency



Sanitary Safety

Food safety and Animal Welfare

Promotion of Veterinary Services



Summary of Evolution: OIE standards development



Transport

- How to move

Slaughter/Killing

- How to kill

Production

- How to raise



Terrestrial Animal Health Code



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SECTION 7

ANIMAL WELFARE

Chapter 7.1 Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare

Chapter 7.2. Transport of animals by sea

Chapter 7.3. Transport of animals by land

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Chapter 7.5. Slaughter of animals

Chapter 7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes

Chapter 7.7 Stray dog population control

Chapter 7.8 Use of animal in research and education

Chapter 7.9. Animal welfare and beef cattle productions systems

Chapter 7.10 Animal welfare and broiler productions system

Aquatic Animal Health Code



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SECTION 7 WELFARE OF FARMED FISH

Chapter 7.1 Introduction to recommendations for the welfare of farmed fish

Chapter 7.2. Welfare of farmed fish during transport

Chapter 7.3. Welfare aspects of stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption

Chapter 7.4. Killing of farmed fish for disease control purposes

Chapter 7.3: Transport of Animals by Land



- General principles of transport
 - applicable in countries with a different level of infrastructure globally
- Aspirational standard/ ratified by all 178 countries
- More outcome based than prescriptive
- Framework for understanding of basics of animal transport



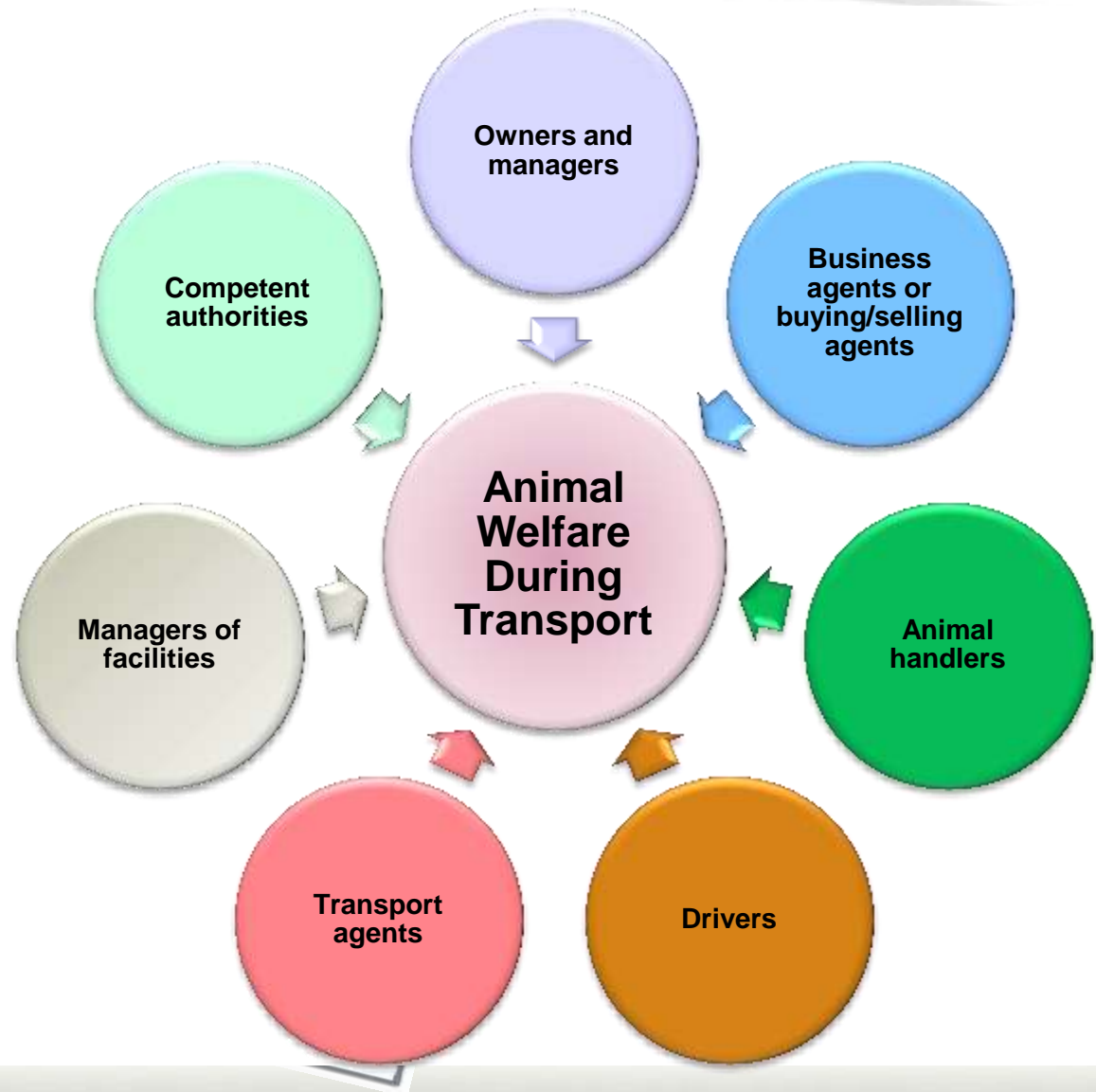
Which animals are covered?



- Domesticated cattle, buffaloes, camels, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry and equines
- Some other animals:
 - e.g. deer, other camelids and ratites



Who is responsible?



Responsibilities of owners and managers

- Health and fitness of animals
- Compliance with veterinary certification
- Skilled handlers
- appropriate equipment and veterinary assistance

The image shows a sample of a veterinary health certificate form, likely for export. It contains various fields for animal identification, health status, and official certification. The form is titled 'Health Certificate for Export' and includes sections for 'Animal Information', 'Health Status', and 'Official Certification'. It also features checkboxes for 'Vaccinated', 'Treated', and 'Inspected'.



Responsibilities of business agents

- Fitness of animals
- Ensure appropriate facilities to:
 - Assemble, load, transport, unload
 - Hold animals
 - Emergencies



Responsibilities of animal handlers and drivers

- Humane handling and care of animals
- Maintain journey log
- Loading only fit animals
- Proper loading and unloading
- Inspection during travel
- Appropriate response to problems during the travel



Responsibilities of transport companies and vehicle owners

- Appropriate vehicles
- Trained handlers and drivers
- Journey/ travel plans
- Contingency plans for emergency
- Welfare of animals



Responsibilities of competent authorities

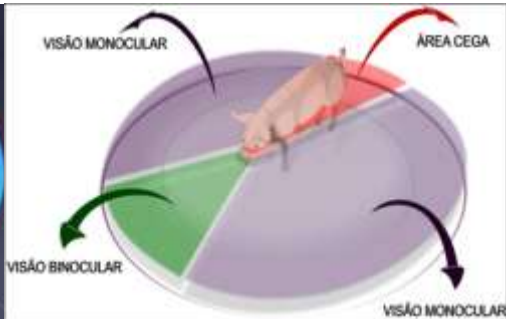


- Setting standards and accreditation for animal welfare and competence of drivers, animal handlers and managers
- Approval of premises, facilities, containers and vehicles for animal transport
- Implementation of standards and monitoring effectiveness of standards



Competencies

- Skills, experience and training needed to transport animals:
 - Understanding animal behaviour and handling principles
 - Animal welfare requirements
 - Preparedness and planning: animals, drivers, vehicles, emergencies
 - Health and fitness of animals



Considerations during land transport

Planning and preparation before transport

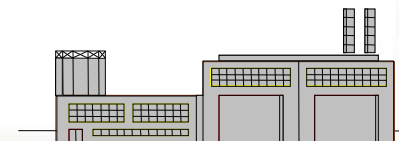
- Prepare animals
- Prepare the facilities for loading
- Prepare vehicles
- Prepare the drivers
- Prepare documentation requirements
- Prepare for emergency response procedures

During transport

- Check animals regularly from loading and during transport
- Sick, injured and dead animals are properly handled and managed
- Regular access to feed and water
- Observe rest periods

Unloading and handling after transport

- Prepare facilities for unloading
- Unload as soon as possible
- Apply proper handling techniques during unloading
- Sick, injured and dead animals are properly handled
- Minimise disease risk
- Cleaning and disinfection



Actions in the event of a refusal to enter a region or a country



- **Importing country should have:**
 - Available suitable isolation facilities to allow secure holding of animals, without posing a risk to the health of national herd or flock
 - If animals remains in the vehicle, provide water and feed as necessary and regularly asses welfare

If the matter cannot be promptly resolved, the Competent Authorities should ask the OIE to help in the mediation.



Thank you for your attention!



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