

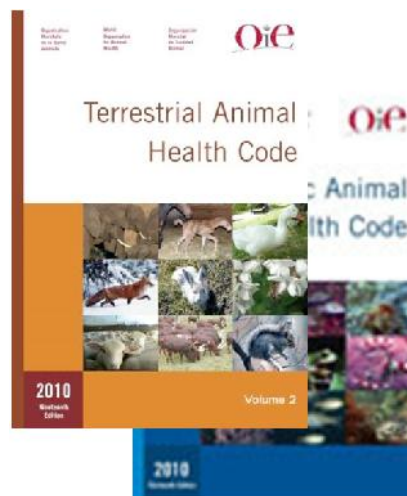


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# The development of the animal welfare production system standards



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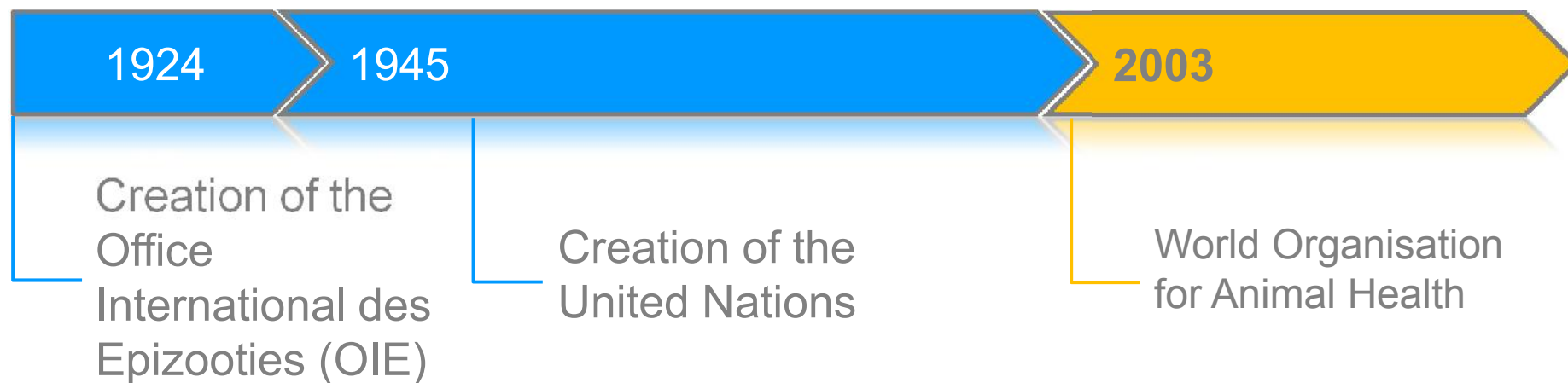




# Outline

- 1) Introduction OIE
- 2) OIE animal welfare standards
- 3) Differences development international animal welfare standards and animal health standards
- 4) Development of OIE animal welfare production system standards

## An intergovernmental organisation preceding the United Nations



In 2011

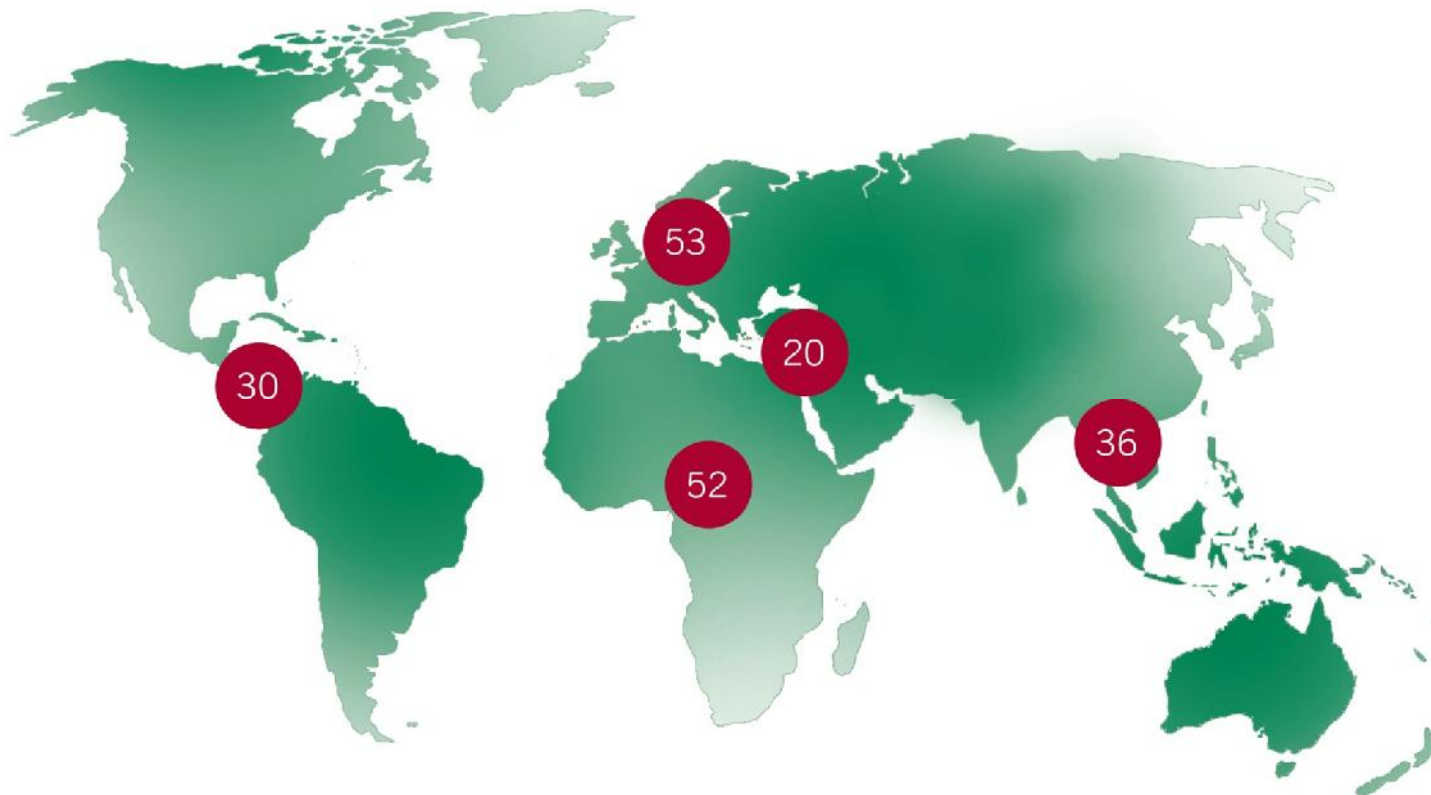
**H**eadquarters in  
Paris (France)

**5** Regional  
Representations

**6** Sub-Regional  
Representations

# 178 Member Countries in 2011

1) Introduction OIE



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

Some countries belong to more than one region

# Governance structure of the OIE<sup>1) Introduction OIE</sup>

## The Director General



The OIE is managed by the OIE Headquarters in Paris, placed under the responsibility of a Director General elected by secret ballot by the World Assembly of Delegates.

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In 2010, Dr Bernard Vallat was elected Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health for a third five-year term.



# Setting and updating international standards

**Committee,  
Commissions,  
Delegates**



**Problem**

**Ad hoc group of experts**

**Comments**

**Draft text**

**Specialist Commission**  
(meets twice a year)

**Report**

**OIE Members**

**Updated text  
Codes / Manuals**

**adopted**

**not adopted**

**General Session May**  
(meets in May each year)

**OIE Members**

**text for adoption**

**text for comments**



# Members are responsible for standard setting

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**OIE Members are responsible** for setting and adoption of international standards and participate actively in the standard setting process

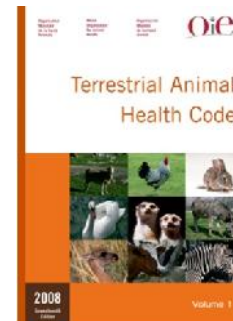




# OIE Specialist Commissions and Standards

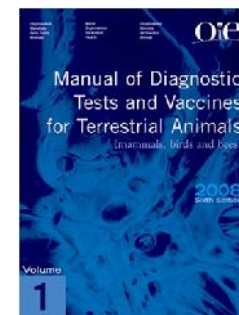
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## Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission "Code Commission"



## Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission "Aquatic Animals Commission"

## Biological Standards Commission "Laboratories Commission"



## **A mandate far wider than when the OIE was created**

The OIE was created in  
1924



To prevent the spread of animal  
diseases throughout the world

The 4th Strategic Plan 2006-2010 extended the OIE's mandate to



“The improvement of animal health  
worldwide”

# Evolution of the OIE animal welfare agenda

- 2000: AW recognised as a strategic priority in the 3rd OIE Strategic Plan 2001-2005;
- 2002: Adoption by the General Assembly of National Delegates of a Resolution leading to the creation of a permanent working group (AWWG);
- 2003: Adoption of the general principles;
- 2004: First Global Conference on Animal Welfare, Paris 2004

# Evolution of the OIE animal welfare agenda

➤ 2005: Adoption of the first Animal Welfare Standards:

- The transport of animals by land
- The transport of animals by sea
- The transport of animals by air
- The slaughter of animals for human consumption
- The killing of animals for disease control purposes



➤ 2008: 2<sup>nd</sup> OIE Global Conference on AW (Cairo, Egypt);

# Evolution of the OIE animal welfare agenda

- 2009: Adoption of new standards:
  - The control of stray dog populations
  - The welfare of farmed fish during transport
- 2009: First meetings of the *ad hoc* Groups on AW & livestock production systems (beef cattle and broiler chickens);
- 2010: Adoption of new standards:
  - Welfare aspects of stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption
  - Use of animals for research and education



## **Fifth Strategic Plan 2011-2015**

### **Reinforcing priority missions**

 Animal welfare: a strategic commitment by the OIE

- Animal health is a key component of animal welfare
- The OIE is recognised worldwide as the leader in developing international standards on animal welfare





# Differences development of international animal welfare standards and animal health standards

1) Historical

2) WTO SPS agreement

# The '3 Sisters' & the SPS Agreement

**CODEX**

*food safety*



*animal health  
including zoonoses*



**IPPC**

*plant health*



Standards, guidelines and recommendations specifically recognised in the SPS Agreement as the references for international trade

### 3) Differences development international animal welfare standards and animal health standards

### 3) Culture / religion

- \* differences between and within countries
- \* emotion



### 4) Science



### 5) Involvement private standards

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# Terrestrial Animal Health Code

- Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare
- The transport of animals by land
- The transport of animals by sea
- The transport of animals by air
- The slaughter of animals for human consumption
- The killing of animals for disease control purposes
- The control of stray dog populations.
- The use of animals in research and education

# Aquatic Animal Health Code

- 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

# **First OIE ad hoc group on animal welfare and live stock production systems**

**(Paris, 8-10 April 2008)**

## **Main conclusions:**

- Animal based criteria more practical to monitor animal welfare in production systems, however resource based criteria are often necessary to give recommendations to prevent animal welfare problems.
- These resource based criteria are usually based on specific research with a particular species in a particular production system.



## Examples of animal based and resource based criteria in pig production systems

Parameter	Animal based criteria	Design based criteria
Animal health	Tail biting rate and seriousness	Design of housing, stocking density, material for rooting, air quality, adequacy of nutrition, veterinary attention, general hygiene
	Pneumonia rate and seriousness	Design of housing, stocking density, air quality, veterinary attention, general hygiene Nutrition Body scoring, weight gain, behaviour at the feeder
Nutrition	Body scoring, weight gain, behaviour at the feeder	Diet, feed allowance, space at the feeder, grouping of pigs according to size
Water	Physical appearance, behaviour	Availability and quality of water and space per pig

## Two ad hoc groups on broiler production and beef cattle production in 2009

Development of standards was difficult:



- Animal based criteria are fit to monitor animal welfare everywhere and therefore applicable in global standards
- Resource based criteria are more fit for regional and local recommendations
- Big variety in production systems worldwide
- Differences in political approach

## Outline of the chapters:

1. General part (definition, scope, description of production systems)
2. Description of the different animal based measurables (mortality, morbidity, behaviour, water and feed consumption, etc.)
3. Recommendations
  - 3.1. Biosecurity and animal health
  - 3.2. Environment and management

## General Session 2011

Broiler chapter proposed for adoption:

not adopted



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## How to move forward?



# Thank you for your attention



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