OIE Role in International Trade

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Outline

- Introduction to the OIE’s history, mandate and organisational structure
- The OIE’s strategic objectives
- OIE-WCO Agreement
The OIE: A Brief Introduction

- An inter-governmental organisation aimed at improving animal health globally.
- 1924, establishment of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) in Paris, France.
- Today, World Organisation for Animal Health keeping with its historical acronym (OIE).
- 180 countries are members of the OIE.
OIE Mandate

• The OIE is recognised by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) through the SPS agreement as the principal reference organisation for animal health and zoonotic diseases.

• The agreement on the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures sets out the basic rules for food and animal and plant health.

• WTO members must adhere to the SPS agreement.

• As the sole reference organisation for animal health and with the membership of 180 countries, the OIE is afforded with the mandate to implement their strategic objectives for improving animal health and welfare worldwide.
The WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)

- Agreed in 1994, came into force 1 January 1995
- Recognises OIE as the International Standard Setting Body for Animal Health
- Most OIE members are also WTO members (but not all)
- Does not cover animal welfare (though animal health is a significant component of animal welfare)
Standard-setting organisations

food safety
CODEX

animal health
OIE

plant health
IPPC

Codex = Joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission
OIE = World Organisation for Animal Health
IPPC = International Plant Protection Convention (FAO)
OIE’s Strategic Objectives

1. International Communication of Animal Disease Information
2. Development & implementation of Scientific Standards and Guidelines
3. Prevention, Control and Eradication of Animal Diseases
4. Ensuring the scientific excellence of Information and Advice
5. Capacity building of National Veterinary Services
OIE’s Strategic Objectives

International Communication of Animal Disease Information
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- Member country’s are required to report OIE listed diseases

- The OIE collects disease information from each country using the OIE reporting system - **WAHIS**

- The OIE then distributes this information globally using the **WAHID Interface**

- WAHID also contains a variety of useful resources on animal and human diseases
International Communication of Animal Disease Information

World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS)
World Animal Health Information Database (WAHID)

- Comprehensive database for up-to-date disease information

http://www.oie.int/animal-health-in-the-world/
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Publications and documentation
› Online Bookshop
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Most recent issues:
* One Health, Vol. 33 (2), August 2014

Plurithematic issue: peer-reviewed papers

› Bulletins online (OIE Magazine): Latest issue

› Document database

Latest disease alerts
23.02.15: Anthrax in Kyrgyzstan

› Latest news on animal diseases

› Legal basis of disease notification

› World Animal Health Information Database (WAHID)

› Disease distribution maps

Official disease status

OIE World Conferences
› 31 March – 2 April 2015
  FAO & OIE International Conference on the control and corresponds to the primary language
OIE’s Strategic Objectives

Development & implementation of Scientific Standards and Guidelines
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OIE Reference Texts: Codes and Manual

Terrestrial and Aquatic Animal Health Code

Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial and Aquatic Animals
OIE Standards setting procedure

Adopted

World Assembly

Updated text
Codes/Manuals

Request

ad hoc Expert Groups

Elected Specialist Commissions

Report & texts

OIE Members

Text for adoption

Text for comment

Commissions, Delegates and Others

Comments 2 rounds
Purpose of the Codes and Manuals

To set standards and protocols for Veterinary Services of all member countries to use:

• Standards and protocols aim to promote animal, human, and ecosystem health.
• Establishes health regulations for the safe exportation/importation of animals and animal products.
• The OIE Manuals ensure the application of correct diagnostic tests and vaccines within all Member Countries.
• To prevent unjustified trade restrictions.
OIE’s Strategic Objectives

Prevention, Control and Eradication of Animal Diseases
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Accomplished through,

- OIE Standards and Guidelines;
- Disease Specific Support/Campaigns;
- Capacity Building Activities;
- Provision of Technical Expertise (OIE Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres);
- Networks and Partnerships
OIE’s Strategic Objectives

Ensuring the scientific excellence of Information and Advice
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- OIE Staff
- Specialist Commissions
- OIE Working Groups and ad hoc Groups
- OIE Selected Experts
- Worldwide Network of Collaborating Centers and Reference Laboratories
OIE’s Strategic Objectives

Capacity Building of National Veterinary Services
The OIE PVS Pathway

‘Diagnosis’
- PVS Evaluation

‘Prescription’
- PVS Gap Analysis
  - including Veterinary Services’ Strategic Priorities

‘Treatment’
- Veterinary Legislation
- Public / Private Partnerships
- Veterinary Education
- Laboratories
- PVS Evaluation Follow-Up Missions

Capacity Building, Specific Activities, Projects and Programs
OIE’s Strategic Objectives

- Strengthening
- Influence on Policy
- Design, Applied
- Research and
- Governance
Strengthening Influence on Policy Design, Applied Research and Governance

• OIE Scientific and Technical Department
• OIE Codes and Manuals and Books
• PVS Pathway
  – Good governance by promoting strong veterinary legislation and effective VSB’s
  – Promoting the quality of veterinary education delivery and curricular development
• OIE’s One Health, Food safety and Zoonoses approaches
OIE – WCO Agreement
Collaboration Agreement between OIE and WCO

• Current version agreed in 2008.

• A replacement agreement with significant expansion of text is under discussion.

• The proposed new agreement includes a list of matters of common interest to the OIE and WCO concerning security and facilitation of international trade of animals, animal products, animal feed products, veterinary medicinal products and biological samples.
Proposed list of matters of common interest

• Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation with a focus on Coordinated border management.
• Good governance practices at borders, related to the human, physical and financial capacity of Customs Administrations and Veterinary Services
• Fight against smuggling and fraud in trade in live animals, animal products, and veterinary medicinal products
• Biological threat reduction
• Animal welfare during transport and quarantine
• Facilitation of international competition horse movements
• Facilitation of cross border movements in natural disasters
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