

RESOLUTION No. 27

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 fifteenth meeting in November 2015 and drafted a work programme for 2016, taking into consideration the objectives of the 6th Strategic Plan (2016-2020),
2. The Working Group's membership includes high level experts from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and internationally recognised experts in animal production food safety from around the globe,
3. 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 farm-to-fork system approach to achieving food safety outcomes,
4. 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, food borne zoonotic diseases and related issues,
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. National Delegates have nominated 175 national focal points for animal production food safety according to proposed terms of reference.

THE ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Director General review the membership and mandate of the the Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety to ensure alignment with the 6th Strategic Plan and the provision of expertise in support of the work of the 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 Director General continue to work with Codex to implement measures to promote collaboration, in particular the adoption of systematic procedures for cross referencing between the relevant OIE and Codex standards, the enhancement of processes to identify joint priorities of mutual interest, and the strengthening of linkages at the national and regional levels.
 4. The Director General continue dialogue with the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), GLOBALG.A.P, the International Standardization Organization (ISO), the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) and the Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE) initiative and other relevant organisations from the private sector to ensure their awareness of and compliance with OIE animal production food safety standards.
 5. The Director General continue to organise regional seminars for the national animal production food safety focal points designated by Delegates.
 6. National OIE Delegates collaborate with their public health counterparts and designate the national OIE Focal Point for animal production food safety to be an INFOSAN Focal Point or, if this is not possible, to nominate an officer from Veterinary Services as both the INFOSAN Emergency Contact Point and the OIE Focal Point.
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