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OIE and Member States Interest in Improving
Veterinary Legislation

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Support programme for veterinary legislation



OIE's Global vision...

..... To protect public health on the bases of agreed **standards** for sustainable development in terms of **access** and **availability** of **veterinary goods and services** with simplified **authorization** and **reduced costs** and **administrative burden** on public and private sectors.

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Veterinary Legislation

« A set of specific legal instruments for the good governance of the veterinary sector ».



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Veterinary legislation

- Is not an isolated topic
- Is influenced by the political, social and economic context
- Must be part of the overall judicial system

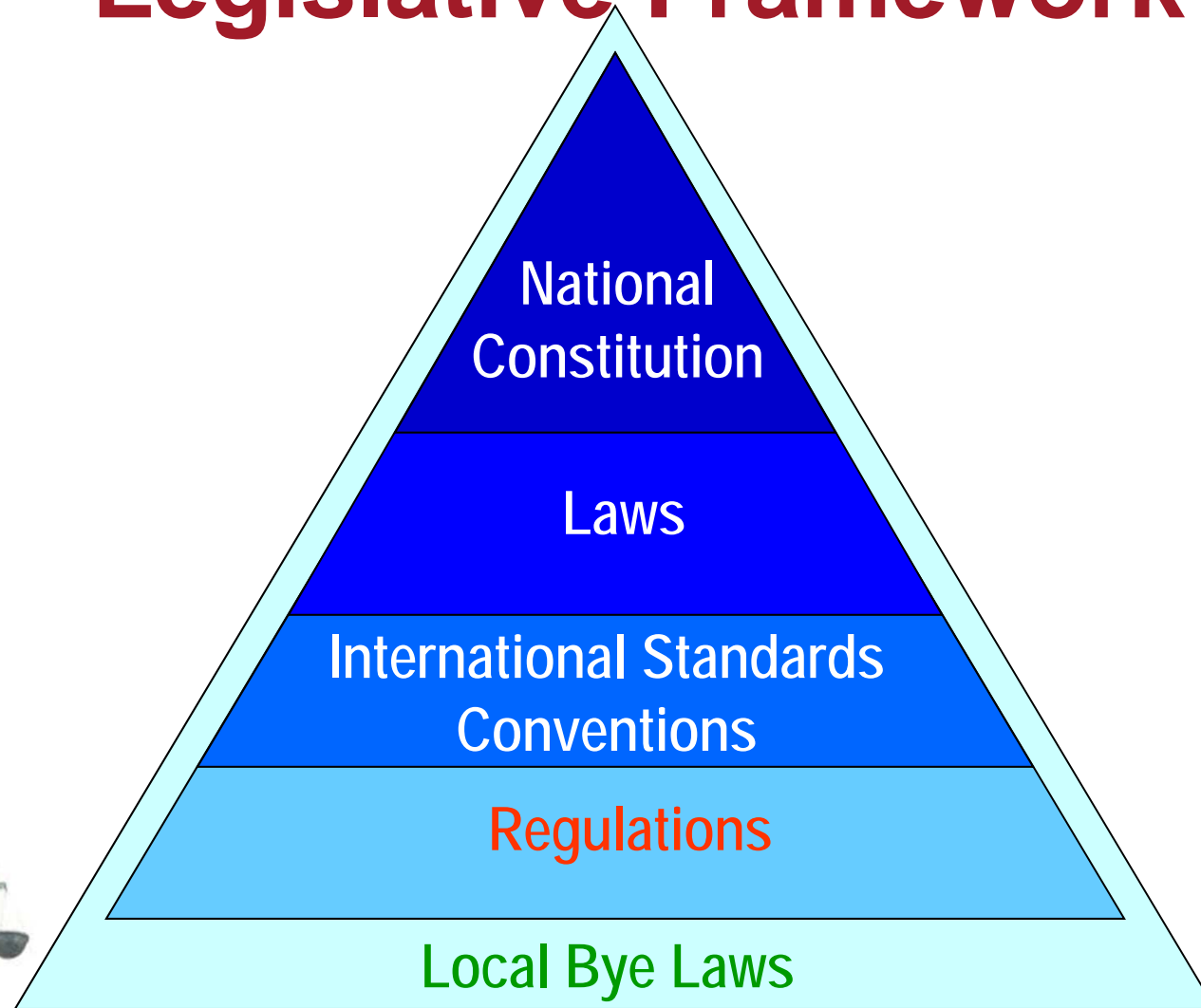
Within the doctrine of rule of law

la principle de legalite

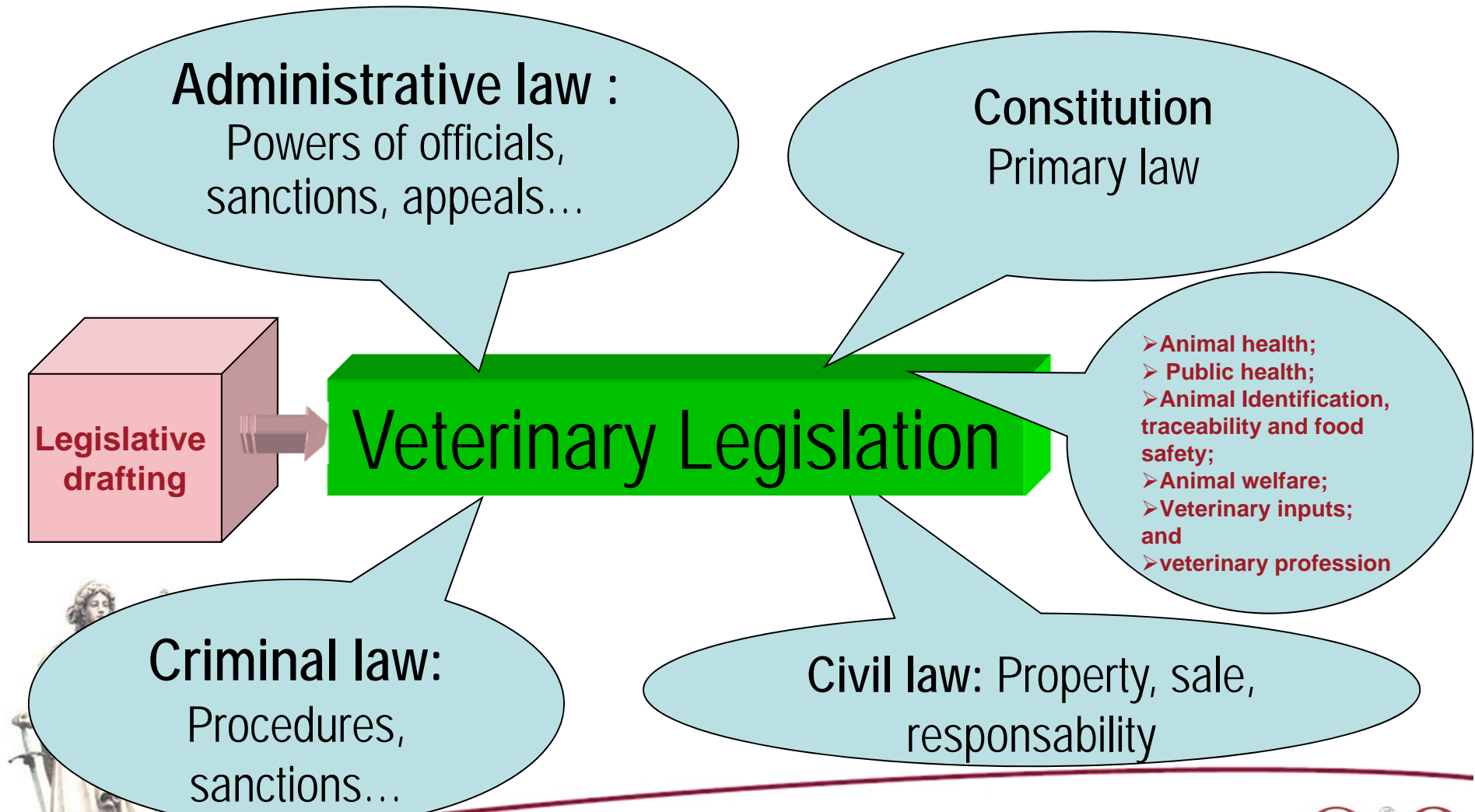
simply meaning observing law and order



Hierarchy of National Legislative Framework



Overall context



National Veterinary legislation

Veterinary legislation accordingly should consider all the legal norms covering sanitary aspects dealt with in the OIE TAHC *and AAHC including:-*.

- ✓ animal health;
- ✓ public health (zoonotic diseases);
- ✓ Animal Identification, traceability and food safety;
- ✓ animal welfare including management of stray animals;
- ✓ Veterinary inputs; and
- ✓ veterinary profession



What should be achieved?

National Veterinary legislative system that:

- provides a range of authorized veterinary goods and services; and
- establishes markets for such veterinary goods and services



How to achieve this?

- Working on Acts that maintain proportionate safeguards for animals, environment and humans with least administrative and financial costs;
- Strengthening cooperation and collaboration between relevant National Competent Authorities; and
- Enhancing confidence and transparency regarding public and private decision making process taking into consideration the specificities of the veterinary sector and the profession.



VLSP

Popular demand from the OIE PVS
Evaluations

The 1st OIE Global Conference in Djerba,
Tunis in 2009 and Recommendations

OIE Focal Points be supported to attend
relevant OIE regional capacity building
seminars



Conclusion

Both OIE and Member countries are interested in improving Veterinary Legislation and we will have achieved the objectives of this seminar if we are able to:

- raise awareness on the requirements for good governance of national animal health and welfare systems through effective veterinary legislation; and
- provide practical guidance on how OIE Members in Southern Africa can mobilize their governments to:
 1. *modernize national veterinary legislation;*
 2. *educate NVS staff on their role and responsibilities in accordance with national legal framework; and,*
 3. *Promote the role of VSBs in implementing critical components of the national veterinary legislation*



Thank you for your attention

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