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OIE Standards (Terrestrial and Aquatic *Codes and Manuals*) and the role of the Specialist Commissions

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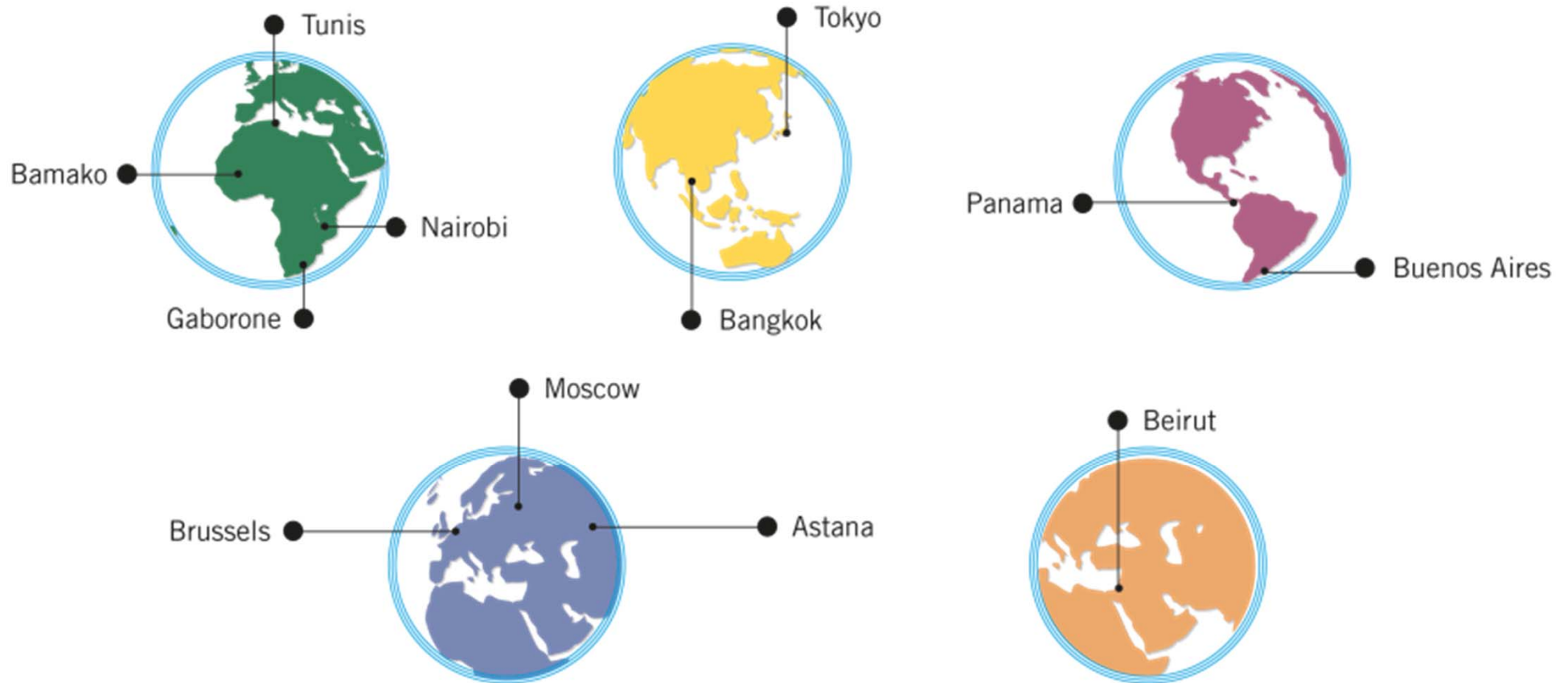
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- OIE Standards (Codes & Manuals)
- Standards Setting Process
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Background Information - OIE



- Formed in 1924 as the *Office International des Epizooties* (OIE) – to fight TADs (Rinderpest)
- In 2003 became the World Organisation for Animal Health, but retained acronym “OIE”
- Responsible for Animal Health, Welfare and Veterinary Public Health – **sets Standards for these**
- Recognised by the WTO as a reference body for this mandate
- Currently 180 member countries (represented by their Directors of Veterinary Services – OIE Delegate)
- Operates through a network of Regional/Sub-Regional Offices & Reference Laboratories

Background Information - OIE



OIE international standards



- OIE develops and publishes standards in relation with its mandate:
 - ✓ **health standards** for trade in animals and animal products, surveillance and control of animal diseases, food safety, animal welfare, etc.
 - ✓ **biological standards** for diagnostic tests and vaccines
- adopted by OIE Members during General Session in May of each year by **consensus**

The Role of the Standards



- Enhance **safety of international trade** in animals and animal products
- Encourage **harmonisation** of national legislations and control measures
- **Narrow the gap** between rich and poor countries
- To preserve **International Public Good through** surveillance and control of animal diseases and zoonoses
- Promote **fair trade** (fewer unjustified restrictions on trade)

OIE international standards



Safeguard world trade by publishing
health standards

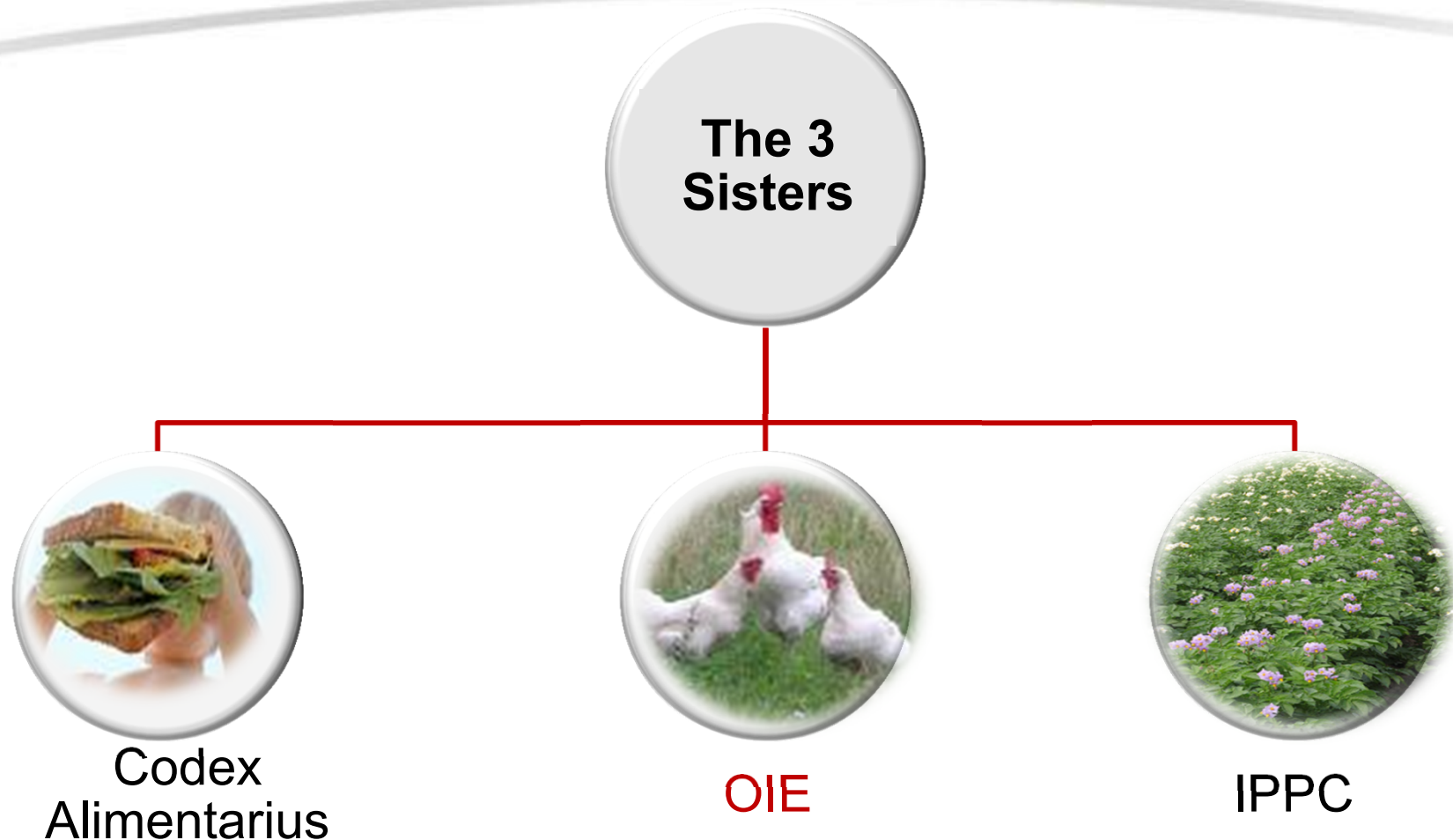


OIE standards are recognised by the WTO
as **reference** international sanitary rules
(SPS Agreement)



These rules can be used by Member Countries to protect themselves from the introduction of diseases and pathogens, without setting up unjustified sanitary barriers

OIE international standards



WTO SPS Agreement recognises OIE as a **reference organisation for international standards** on animal health including zoonoses

OIE Standards

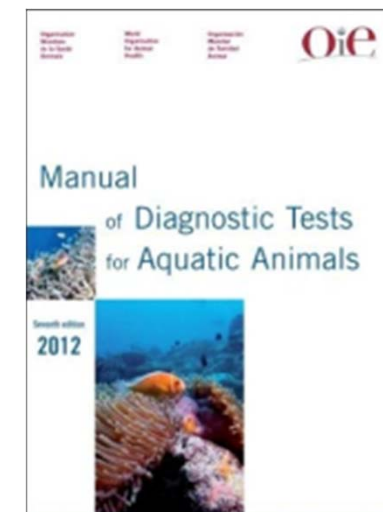
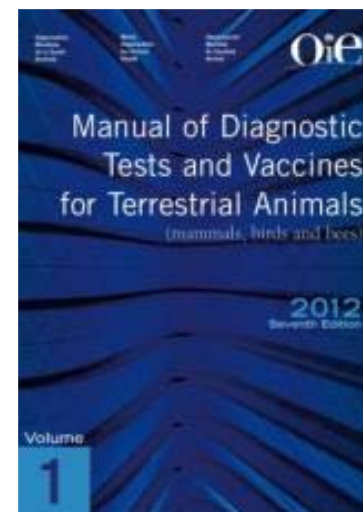
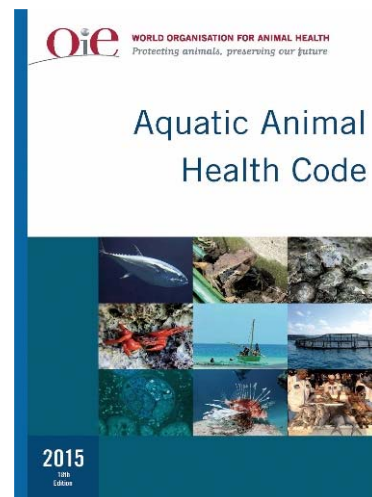
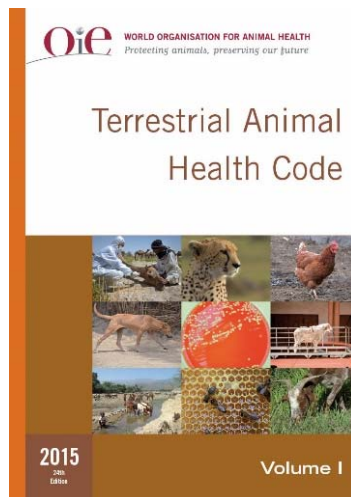


CODES

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic

MANUALS

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic



Codes and Manuals available on the OIE website

What is in the *Code*?

Recommended measures to be used by *Veterinary Authorities* or other *Competent Authorities*

- to establish health regulations for the **safe importation** of animals and animal products
- to **avoid** unjustified trade **restrictions**
- to use as reference for **harmonization** of national legislations and control measures

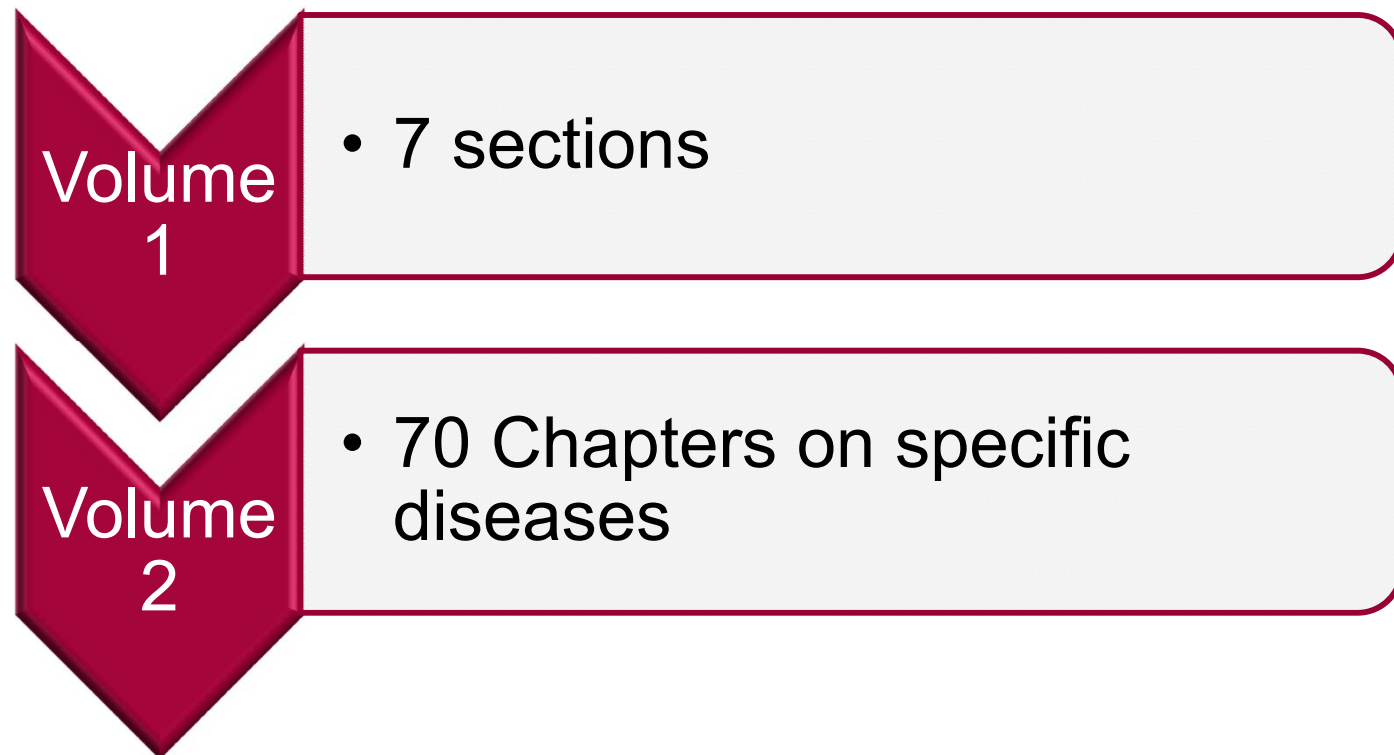
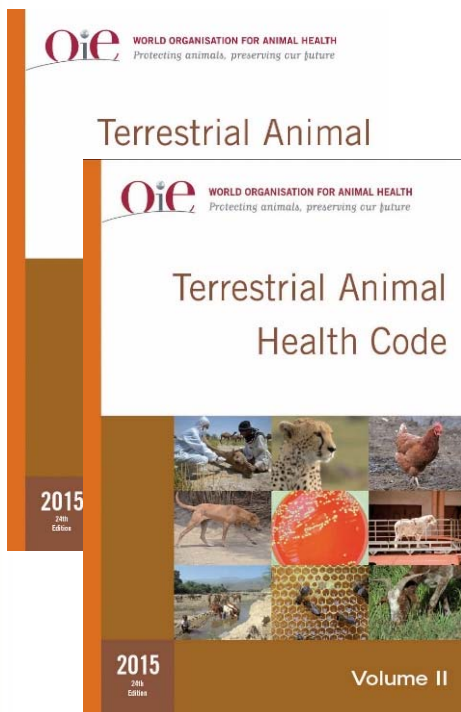
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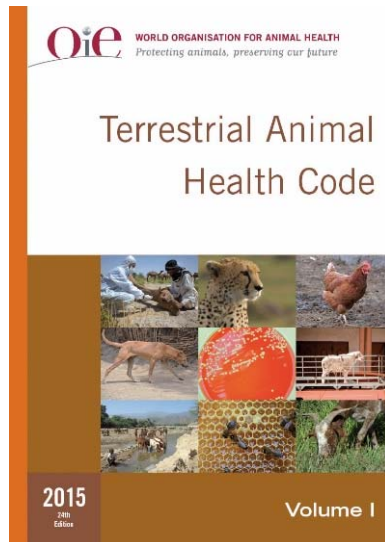
- **Scientific basis** for recommendations
- Compliance with **WTO obligations**
- Credibility of **health certification**
- Importing country assumed to be **free of disease or to apply official controls.**

OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*



Terrestrial Code – structure → Divided into 2 volumes:

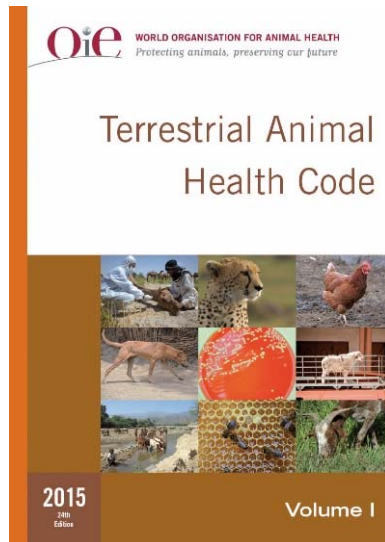




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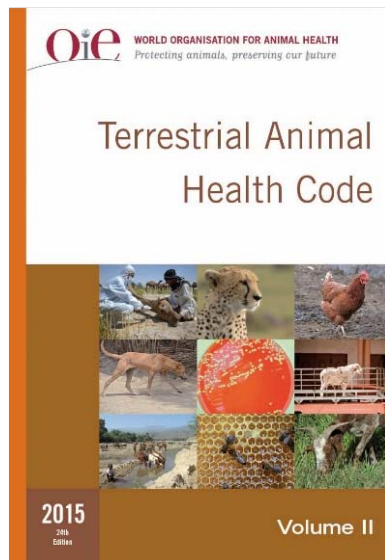
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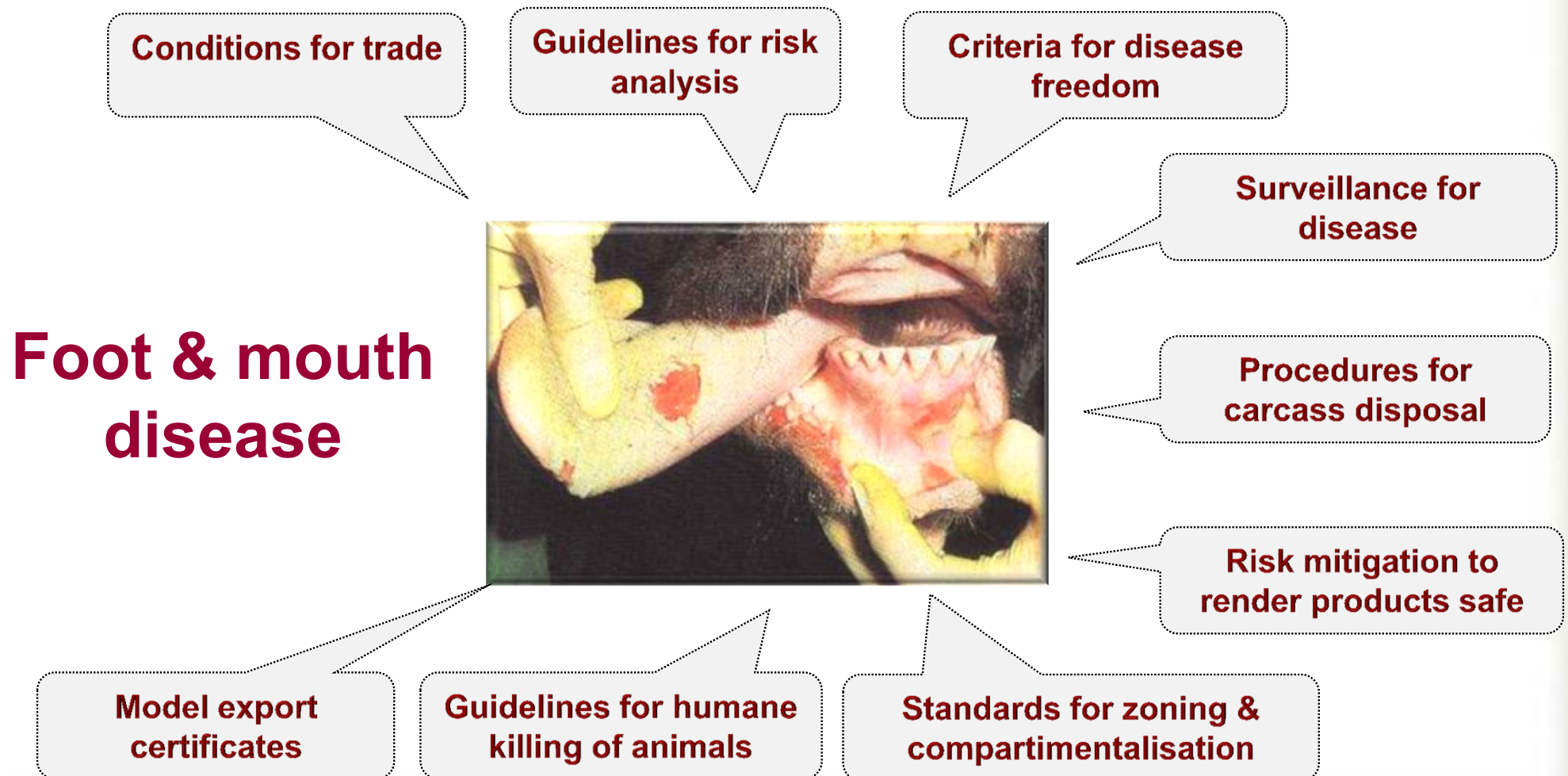
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Specific chapters on diseases for

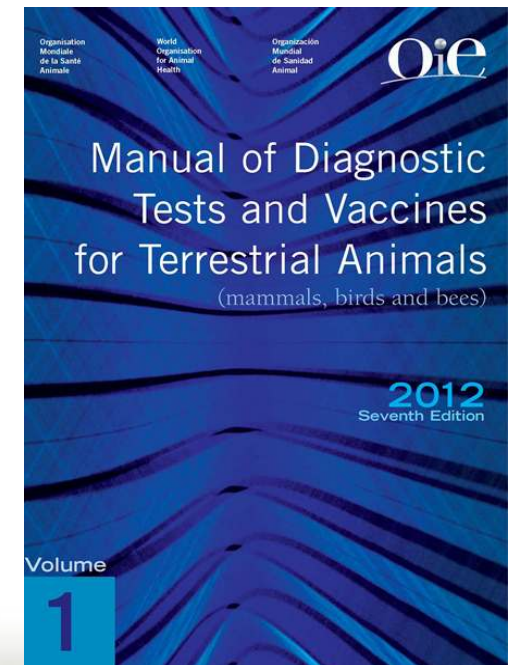
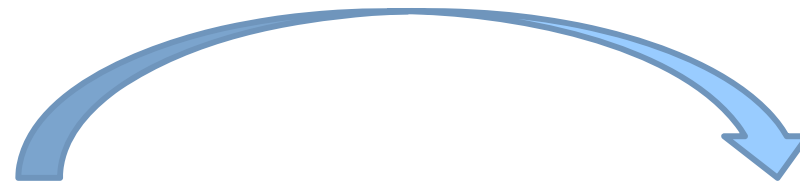
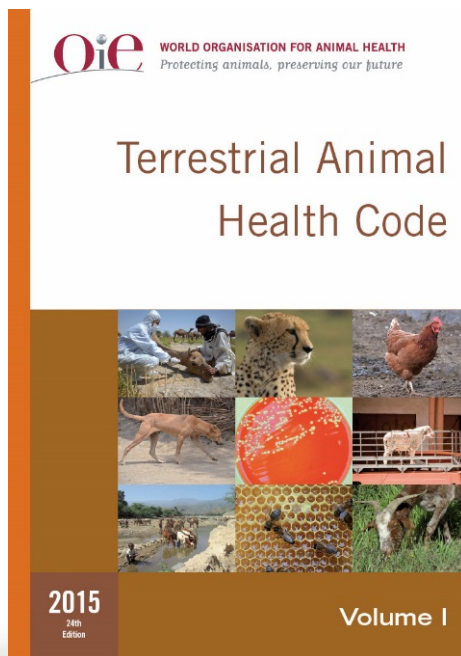
- › Description of pathogen / disease/ infection, incubation period (determining quarantine period and other risk mitigation procedures)
- › Determining status of a country, zone or compartment (establishment; suspension; recovery)
- › Recommendations for imports, depending on statuses, for
 - › Live animals
 - › Genetic material (semen, embryos, oocytes, etc)
 - › Products of animal origin (meat, milk, hides/skins)

e.g : FMD,
BSE, Avian
Influenza

What information is available from the OIE Code ?



When the **Code** requires a test that needs to be carried out for international movement or other designated purpose, the **Manual** should provide a recommended laboratory method.



Terrestrial Manual – structure → Divided into 4 parts, presented in 2 volumes:

Volume I

Part 1

- 10 introductory chapters

Volume II

Part 2

- 113 Chapters on specific diseases

Part 3

- General Guidelines

Part 4

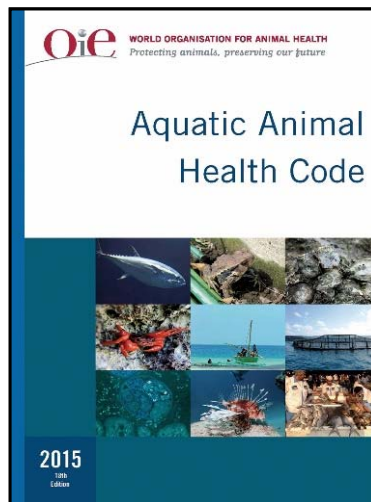
- OIE Reference Experts and disease index



OIE Aquatic Code and Manual

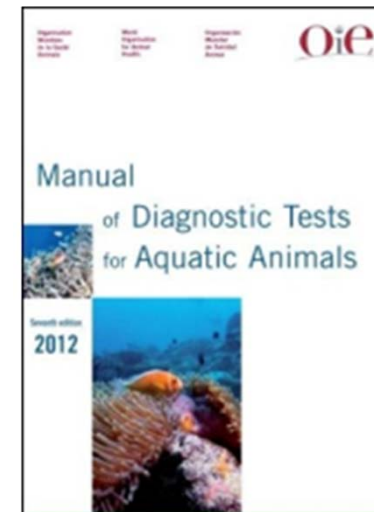


Aquatic AH Code



Same organisation as
Terrestrial Code

Aquatic Manual



Same organisation as
Terrestrial Manual (except for vaccines)

OIE Standard Setting Process



How to use the *Codes and Manuals*

- to establish the sanitary requirements for trade
 - to establish baseline arguments to establish **equivalence** for trade negotiations
 - to **challenge unjustifiable sanitary measures** on a **scientific basis** of importing countries
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- Use the **OIE Scientific and Technical Review** to obtain **background information** on experiences in the practical application of standards
 - Use **textbooks on diseases** to understand the **scientific justification for OIE standards**, guidelines and recommendations

OIE Standard Setting Process



Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission “Code Commission”

Responsible for updating the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* annually; proposes new standards for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates.

Responsible for ensuring that the Code reflects current scientific information.

Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases “Scientific Commission”

Assists in identifying the most appropriate strategies and measures for disease surveill., prevention, control

Examines Members' request regarding their official animal health status, for MCs that wish to be included on the OIE official list of countries or zones free from certain diseases

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission “Aquatic Animals Commission”

Compiles information on aquatic diseases and recommends appropriate prevention and control methods for these diseases.

Responsible for updating the *Aquatic Code and Manual*; and for proposing new standards for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates.

Biological Standards Commission “Laboratories Commission”

Establishes/approves methods for:

- diagnostic of terrestrial animals diseases
- defining quality criteria of biological products (vaccines)

Oversees production and adoption of the *Terrestrial Manual*. Advises the Director General in supervising the global network of OIE Reference Centers

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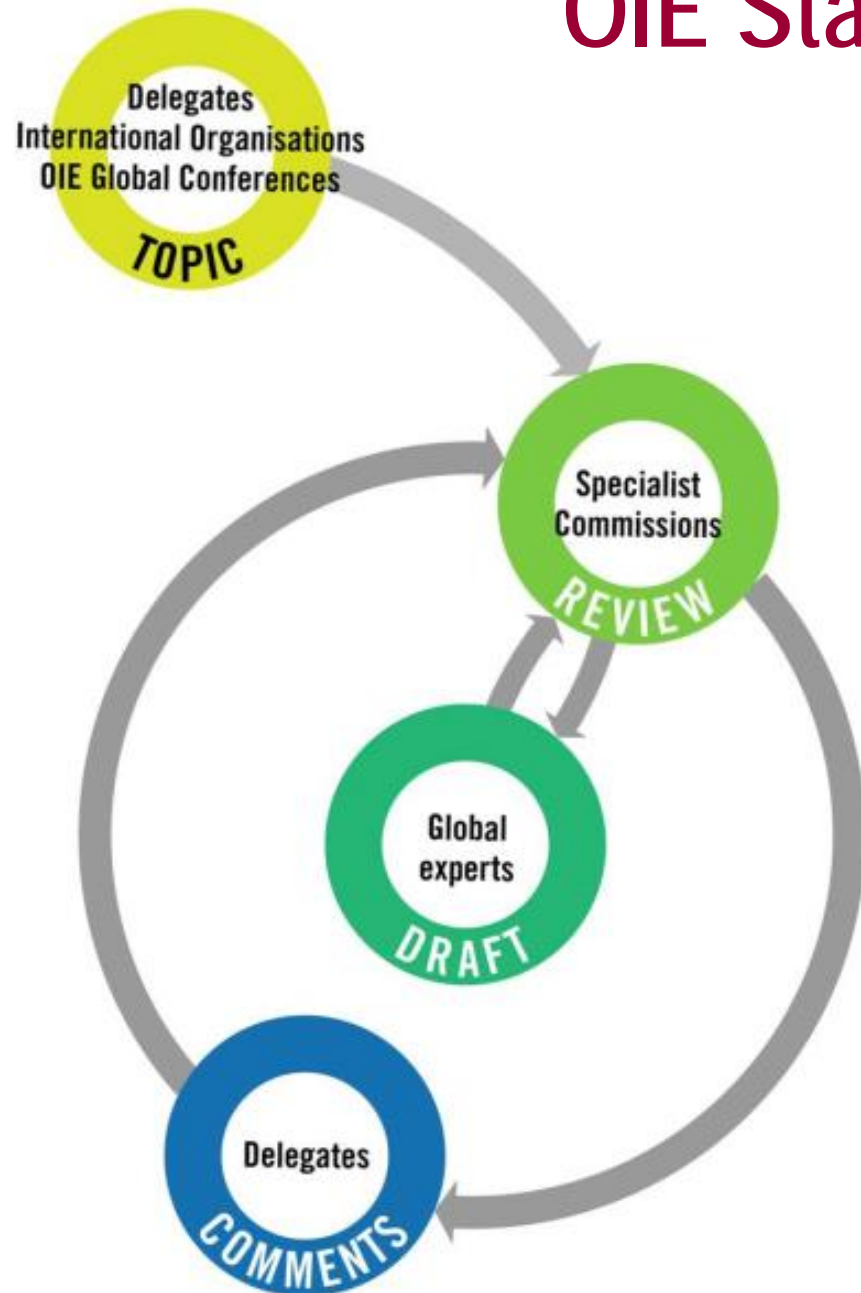
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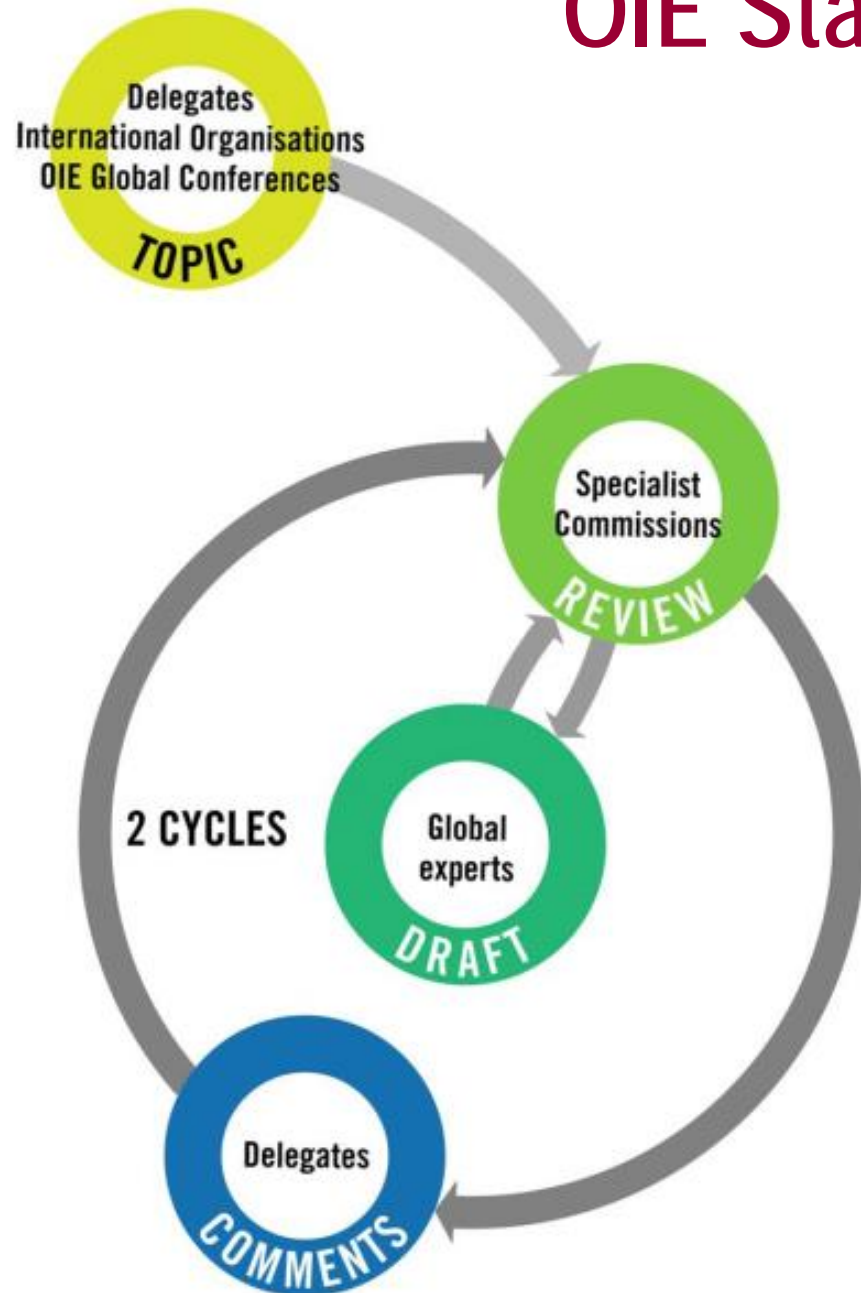
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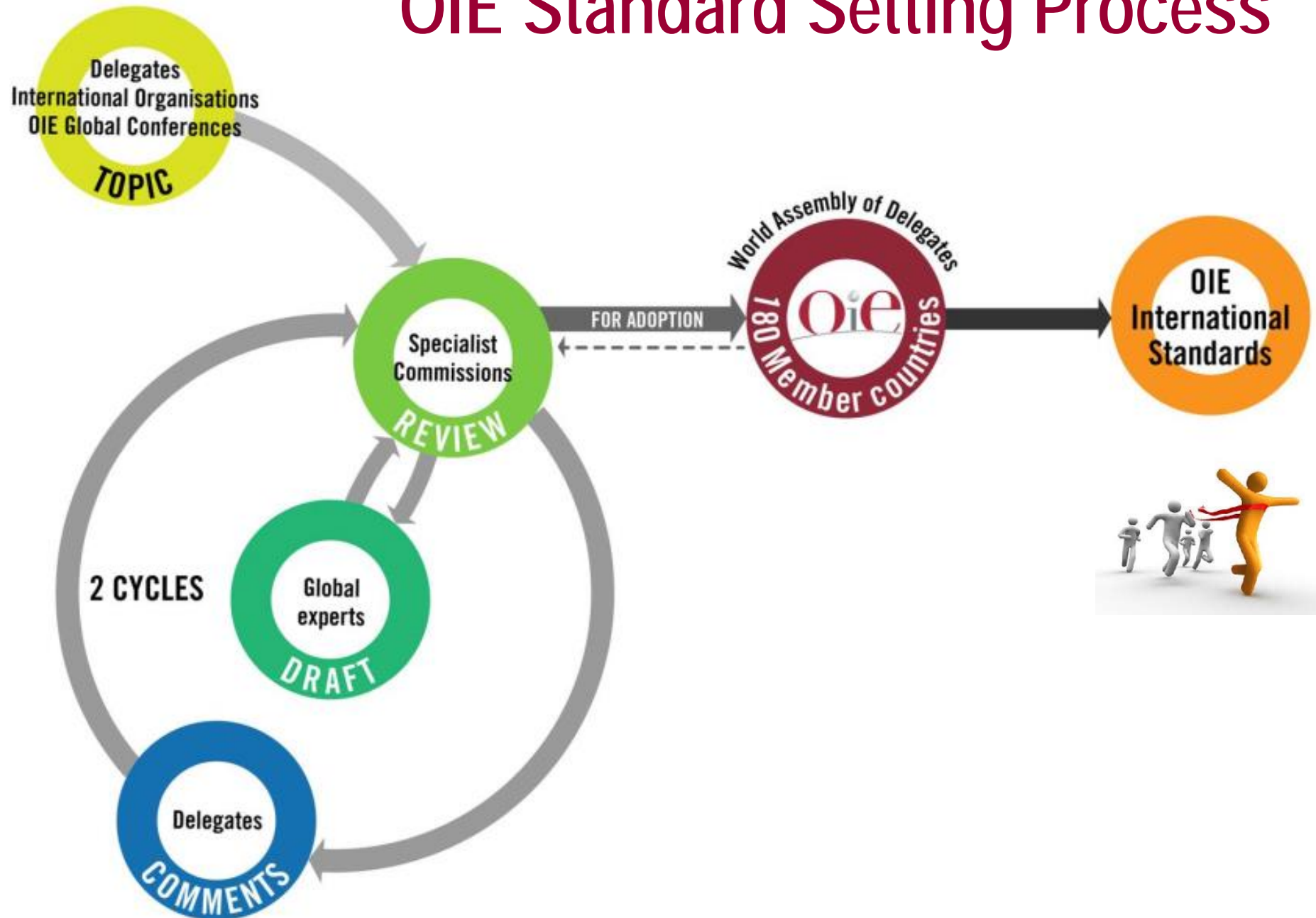
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- Overview
 - Application of compartmentalisation
 - Facilitating safe trade
 - Commodity-based approach
 - Introduction to Specialist Commissions
 - Standard-setting: the Codes
 - Legal rights and obligations
- Terrestrial Code** *Available free of charge*
- Terrestrial Manual** *Available in EN, FR, SP*
- Aquatic Code**
- Aquatic Manual**
- Commissions & working groups
 - Scientific Commission & reports
 - Aquatic Animals Commission & reports

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Registration

Available free of charge

Available in EN, FR, SP

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ANIMAL DISEASES

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BIOLOGICAL RISKS

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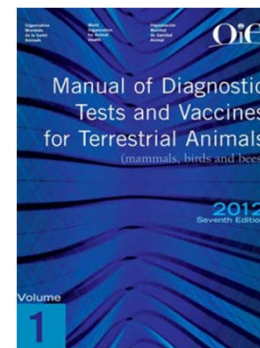
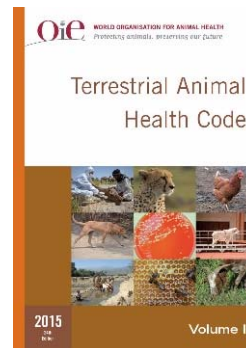
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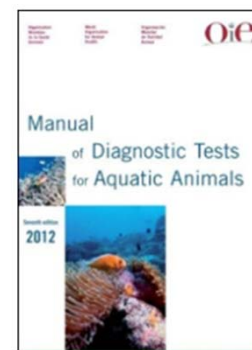
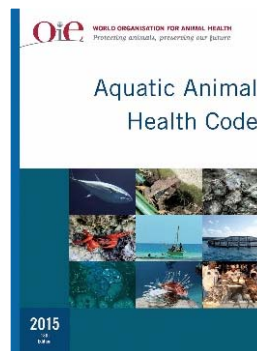
Transparent

Democratic



Science based

Rapid & flexible



Member participation

Well-established

International collaboration

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