



WOAH Standards

Facilitating safe international trade

Commodity: poultry meat

(Africa, English language, cycle III)

25 – 27 August 2026

Nairobi, Kenya

Draft Agenda

Introduction

The World Organisation for Animal Health's *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (TAHC) provides Members with detailed guidance on how to conduct safe international trade of animals and animal products and successfully access foreign markets. While grounded in sound science, these regulations can also be quite complex to implement and therefore capacity-building has been undertaken on the African continent since 2016 to assist in a better understanding of not only the standard-setting processes, but the best possible use and interpretation of the standards - once adopted - and have so far been supported by two rounds of training, targeting all 54 WOAH Members in Africa.

Whereas the first rounds of training were practical, but generic in terms of species or commodities, and mainly geared towards encouraging Members to take part in the standard setting processes(es), the next (third) round will focus on a specific commodity, in order for participants to dive deeper into the subject matter and apply WOAH standards in a practical manner to facilitate safe trade. In addition, this training round will also be an opportunity to pilot a new user-interface which allows Members to browse current and previous editions of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* by commodity and use the search function, rather than by disease or subject (e.g. animal welfare, antimicrobial resistance). The commodity chosen for this third round, poultry meat, is an interesting commodity from various angles. Many of the listed

poultry disease are transmitted by tissue muscle, and in addition, contaminations during harvesting and processing are a considerable food safety and public health issue (*Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *E.coli*) and there are linkages to antimicrobial resistance. Poultry meat can be processed in several ways to render it safe and trade facilitating mechanisms such as compartmentalisation and awareness of commodity-based measures are key to accessing export markets.

Expected learning outcomes

The training will also seek to acquaint participants with the use of WOAHS tools such as WAHIS, self-declaration of freedom from diseases and PVS evaluation. Participants will also practise navigation of the digital version of WOAHS standards and explore e-learning modules related to safe trade.

In addition, this training will also aim to strengthen participation of Members from this region in the WOAHS standard-setting process, including a discussion on modalities to enable cooperation between Members, identifying priorities for the region and areas where standards may be strengthened to be fit-for-purpose to meet the needs of Members.

eLearning Phase

The training – in person – will be preceded by two online sessions (webinars) in order to bring participants up to speed with the basics of standard setting, the development of sanitary conditions and import certification. This will – in principle – be mandatory for participants to be eligible for the in-person training in Nairobi.

This training will be intended to achieve:

- enhanced understanding of risk-based trade methodologies and science-based import and export requirements through the use of poultry as proxy commodities.
- Enhanced proficiency in performing veterinary certification and ensuring adherence to international sanitary standards.
- Strengthened comprehension of disease zoning, compartmentalization, and biosecurity protocols as they relate to the poultry meat trade.
- Gained practical expertise in the interpretation of WOAHS Terrestrial Animal Health Code provisions using poultry proxy commodities to improve safe international trade.

Also, participants will be encouraged (not mandatory) to conduct some of the modules of the online training on **Trade of animals and animal products** (CP-12), [WOAHS eLearning platform](#). Registered participants will be automatically enrolled into the [WOAHS eLearning platform](#) and will receive invitation to complete the following eLearning modules prior to the workshop (notwithstanding enrolling in any of the other modules) :

[International trade regulatory framework](#)

Duration: 2 hours

Level: Day 1

[Selection and implementation of sanitary measures to be applied at export and import](#)

Duration: 8 hours

Level: Expert

[Import Health Measures: the Development Steps](#)

Duration: 4 hours

Level: Expert



The completion of the e-Modules and attendance of the two webinars (next pages) is highly recommended to ensure a harmonised baseline of knowledge among participants and to enable the in-person workshop to focus on applied discussions, exercises, experience-sharing, and strategic reflection rather than introductory concepts.

Webinar 1 agenda

29 July 2026	Webinar 1	
Time	Theme	Speaker/facilitator
08:30-09:00	Opening the Zoom Room, troubleshooting, disclaimers	
Session 0: Opening and webinar framing		
09:00-09:30	Webinar opening Brief opening remarks, icebreaker and presentation of participants by means of a Zoom™ Poll	P. Bastiaensen , Facilitator, WOAH Neo Mapitse , Sub-Regional Representative, Eastern Africa, WOAH Charmaine Chng , Head of the Standards Department, WOAH Allan Azegele , DVS, WOAH Delegate (Kenya), President of the <i>Codex Alimentarius</i>
Session 1: Overview of the regional, international frameworks		
09:30-09:50	The WTO SPS Agreement and the ‘three sisters’ concept of ISSOs, specific trade concerns (STC) with respect to poultry and poultry products.	Rolando Alcala , Agriculture and Commodities Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
09:50-10:10	Background to the AfCFTA, the SPS Annex, High-level overview of Food Safety standards and the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (FAO and WHO).	Saber Mansour , Food Safety Officer and former Project Coordinator of the AfCFTA – SPS - COMESA Project, FSE, FAO
Session 2: Overview of WOAH and Codex standards pertaining to the safety of poultry meat		
10:10-10:30	Trade implications of WOAH listed diseases of poultry, affecting day-old chicks, broilers, dressed poultry carcasses and entrails/organs	Etienne Bonbon , President, TAHSC, WOAH
10:30-10:50	Poultry meat food safety : AMR, AMU, Residues MRL, AMS, applicable Codex Alimentarius Standards, commodity-based trade principles, applicable HACCP principles along the value chain.	Mohamed Sirdar , International Society for Infectious Diseases (ISID)
10:50 – 11:10	New and revised TAHSC Chapters 5.4 – 5.7. on measures and procedures applicable to the exportation, transit and importation of commodities, as well as border inspection posts and quarantine centres.	Etienne Bonbon , President, TAHSC, WOAH
Session 3: Interactive session		
11:10 – 11:30	MentiMeter™	P. Bastiaensen , Facilitator, WOAH
Session 4: Capacity-building and training activities		
Time	Theme	Speaker/facilitator
11:30 – 12:00	Capacity-building services and facilities provided by WOAH	Rahul Srivastava , Capacity-Building Department, WOAH
	Discussion, questions and answers	
12:00	End of Webinar 1	

Webinar 2 agenda

12 Aug 2026	Webinar 2	
Time	Theme	Speaker/facilitator
08:30-09:00	Opening the Zoom Room, troubleshooting, disclaimers	
Session 5: Private sector views		
09:00-10:00	National associations : - Sudan Chamber of Poultry Producers - Greater Accra Poultry Farmers’ Association National industry players : - Country Bird Holdings (South Africa) - IB Group (ABIS Foods & Proteins) India	Mohamed Omer Alhaj Sulaiman, President Ali Muhammed, CEO Candice da Silva, Export Manager Ravindra Kumar Jaiswal, President
Session 6: Public sector views		
10:00 – 10:30	National veterinary authorities : - Ghana - Nigeria - Egypt	Emmanuel Allegye – Cudjoe, DVS, WOAHA Delegate (Ghana) Samuel Anzaku, DVS, WOAHA Delegate (Nigeria) Fatma Abdalla Elsayed, General Organisation of Veterinary Services (GOVS) Egypt
Session 7: Interactive session		
10:30-11:00	MentiMeter™	P. Bastiaensen , Facilitator, WOAHA
Time	Theme	Speaker/facilitator
Session 8: Trade facilitation through compartmentalisation and zoning		
11:00-12:00	- Thematic (global) study on zoning and update on the Global Forum on Zoning (December 2025) Thematic (global) study on compartmentalisation and insights in compartmentalisation in poultry production. - Practical application of (poultry) compartmentalisation in India	Joyce Bowling-Heyward, Standards Department, WOAHA Caroline Paquier, Observatory, Data Integration and Analysis Department, WOAHA Soline Chaumien Tabouis, Observatory, Data Integration and Analysis Department, WOAHA Adhiraj Mishra, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, India
Session 9: Certification by competent authorities		
12:00-12:20	Certification of hatching eggs, day-old-chicks, broilers, dressed poultry and offal : who is the competent authority ?	Teshale Sori , Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia Mekonnen Addis , Jimma University, Ethiopia
12:20	End of Webinar 2	

Workshop agenda

DAY 1	Tuesday, 25 August 2026	
Session 0: Opening and workshop framing		
Time	Theme	Speaker/facilitator
08:30-09:00	Registration and networking, coffee and tea	
09:00-09:30	Workshop opening Brief opening remarks on behalf of WOAH: Opening address by the host country, Kenya :	Neo Mapitse , Ag. Regional Representative, Africa, WOAH Charmaine Chng , Head of the Standards Department, WOAH Allan Azegele , DVS, WOAH Delegate (Kenya), President of the <i>Codex Alimentarius</i>
09:30-09:40	Workshop Objectives Previous WOAH capacity-building conducted in Africa	Patrick Bastiaensen , Sub-Regional Representation, Eastern Africa, WOAH
09:40-09:50	Self -introduction by participants	Caesar Lubaba , Programme Officer, Sub-Regional Representation for Southern Africa, WOAH
09:50-10:20	Key note address The role of the <i>Codex Alimentarius Commission</i> in respect of food of poultry origin, issues of anti-microbial resistance and contaminations, residues of veterinary products and alignment with WOAH.	Allan Azegele , DVS, WOAH Delegate (Kenya), President of the <i>Codex Alimentarius Commission</i>
10:20-10:50	Health Break and Group photo	
Session 1: WOAH standards, guidelines and tools, implications for safe trade		
Time	Theme	Speaker/facilitator
10:50-11:10	WOAH standards and tools to support safe trade	Charmaine Chng , Head of the Standards Department, WOAH
11:10-11:30	Interactive survey (quiz on the e-learning) MentiMeter™	Charmaine Chng , Head of the Standards Department, WOAH
Session 2: Private sector views		
11:30-12:50	National associations : • Poultry Industry Association of Malawi • Mozambican Poultry Industry Association • South African Poultry Association	• Alexander Stewart, Chairman • Zeiss Lacerda, Executive Secretary, AMIA • Shahn Bisschop, Vice-Chairperson of the South African Poultry Veterinarians’ Group.

	National industry players : • Cairo Poultry Company (CPC) Egypt • Ethiochicken (Ethiopia) • Sovereign Foods (South Africa)	• Nossir Dardir Shahin, Group Technical Manager, Poultry Division • Mulugeta Abrha, Supply Chain and Export Director • Brandon Philips, Export Manager
12:50-13:00	Plenary discussion, Q&A	All
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
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Session 3: Public sector views		
14:00-14:40	National veterinary authorities : • Mozambique • India	• Abel Gonçalo Chilundo, <i>Director Nacional-Adj.</i> • Adhiraj Mishra, Assistant Commissioner
14:40-15:00	Multilateral veterinary frameworks : • European Commission	• Moritz Klemm DG SANTE, European Commission (online)
Session 4: Applicable standards		
15:00-15:20	Applicable standards – poultry animal welfare standards, focusing on the broiler value chain. Impact of private standards.	Carolyn Guy , Standards Department, WOA
15:20-15:40	Applicable standards –certification of commodities, SPS principles of equivalence (ALOP), veterinary e-certification	Joyce Bowling-Heyward , Standards Department, WOA
15:40-16:10	Health Break	
16:10-16:30	Experiences acquired by Kenya in the use of veterinary e-certification	Joseph Suleyman Sorioyo , Damaris Mwololo , Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS), Kenya
16:30-17:00	Plenary discussion, Q&A	All



DAY 2	Wednesday, 26 August 2026	
Time	Theme	Speaker/facilitator
Session 5: Practical exercises, simulations and mock trade negotiations		
08:30-09:00	Recap of lessons learned from Day 1	
09:00-16:30	Practical exercises and simulations • Preparatory steps: before trade negotiations start • Devising sanitary measures • Discussion between trading partners	
16:30-17:00	Feedback session, plenary discussion, Q&A	All



DAY 3	Thursday, 27 August 2026	
Time	Theme	Speaker/facilitator
Session 6: Conducting inspections, successes and challenges to accessing export markets		
08:30-09:00	Recap of lessons learned from Day 2	Charmaine Chng , Head of the Standards Department, WOA
09:00-09:20	Concepts of inspection : inspection of farms, premises, abattoirs, laboratories, credibility of the certification by the Veterinary Services.	Mekonnen Addis , Lecturer, Jimma University, Ethiopia
09:20-09:50	Africa Observatory report based on general monitoring indicators and COMESA-specific Observatory report on trade based monitoring indicators.	Caroline Paquier , Observatory, Data Integration and Analysis Department, WOA Caesar Lubaba , Programme Officer, Sub-Regional Representation for Southern Africa, WOA
09:50-10:10	Plenary discussion, Q&A	

Time	Theme	Speaker/facilitator
10:10-10:40	Health Break	
10:40-12:00	Facilitated regional roundtable discussions on challenges to accessing export markets, including compartmentalisation (technology, funding, investments, certification by Veterinary Authorities) - North (Libya, Egypt) and West Africa¹ - Eastern Africa² - Southern Africa³	Serge Mpouam, Project Officer, Regional representation for Africa, WOAHA Jane Lwoyero, Programme Officer, Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa, WOAHA Caesar Lubaba, Programme Officer, Sub-Regional Representation for Southern Africa, WOAHA
12:00-12:30	Workshop evaluation and awarding of certificates	
12:30-13:00	Workshop Closing Remarks from the WOAHA Representative Official closing by the WOAHA Delegate of Kenya	Neo Mapitse, Sub-Regional Representative, Eastern Africa, WOAHA Allan Azegele, DVS, WOAHA Delegate (Kenya), President of the <i>Codex Alimentarius</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-18:00	Professional visit	

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