

OIE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES INCLUDING VETERINARY PRODUCTS



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Expansion of the OIE mandate

OIE's mandate in 1924 was:

'prevent the spread of animal diseases throughout the world'



4th Strategic Plan (2006-2010) changed the OIE's mandate:

'improve animal health worldwide'



**5th Strategic Plan (2011-2015) extended the OIE's
mandate:**

'improve animal health and welfare worldwide'

Fifth Strategic Plan 2011-2015

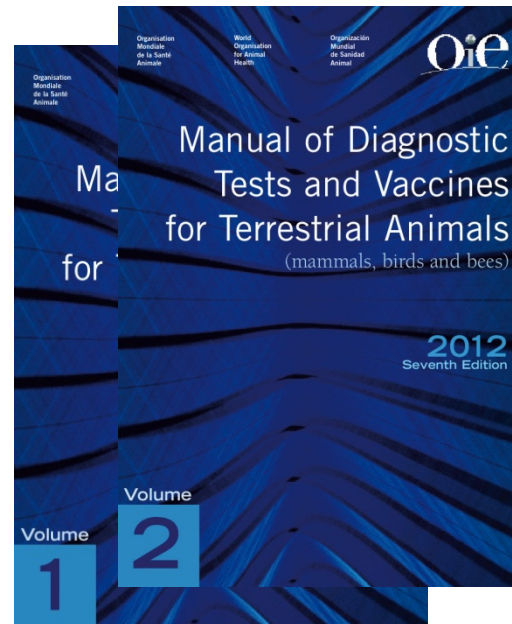
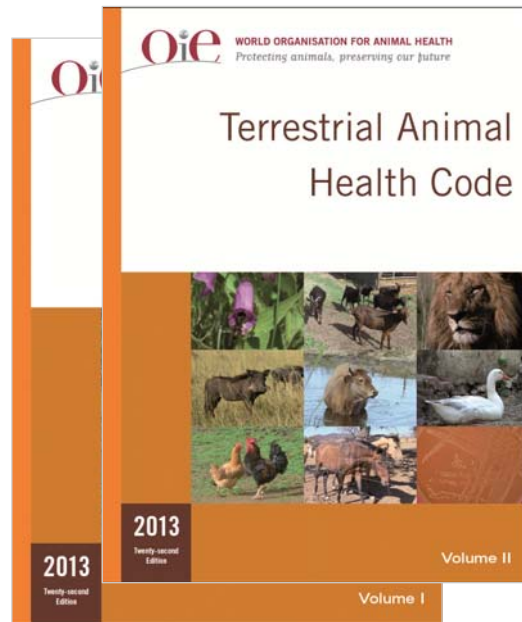
Improve animal health, veterinary public health, animal welfare, and consolidate the animal's role worldwide

WTO SPS Agreement



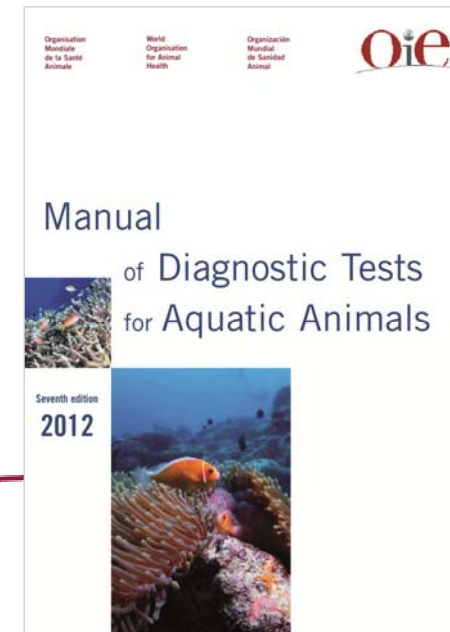
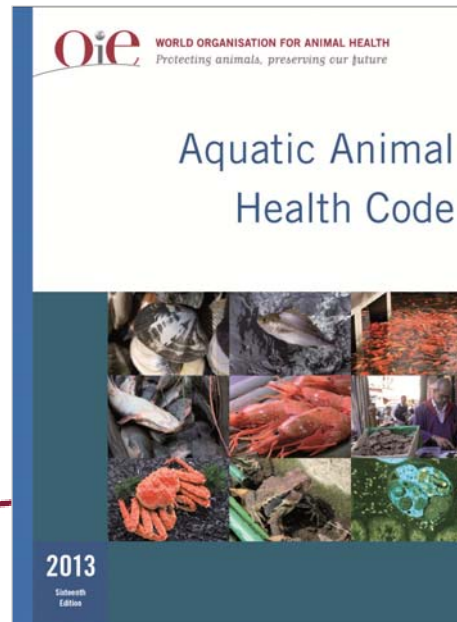
- SPS Agreement has significant consequences to the OIE:
- OIE is recognised as the international standard setting organisation for animal health and zoonoses.

OIE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS



**mammals,
birds and
bees**

**amphibians,
crustaceans,
fish and
molluscs**



Purposes of the OIE Codes and *Manuals*

- Recommendations for the improvement of animal health and welfare and veterinary public health worldwide;
- Obligations and Recommendations for early detection, reporting and control of pathogenic agents, including zoonotic, and
- Prevention of their spread via international trade in animals and animal products, while avoiding unjustified sanitary barriers to trade.

OIE Standards for vet drugs and vaccines

> OIE Codes

- > All Section 3 on **Quality of Veterinary Services**, especially 3.2. (articles 3.2.9. and 3.2.14) and 3.4. (with the very important **Article 3.4.11.**)
- > Chapters 6.6. to 6.10 on Antimicrobial resistance, especially
- > **Chapter 6.9. on Responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in veterinary medicine**

> OIE Terrestrial Manual

- > Chapters 1.1.6. to 1.1.10. on **vaccine** production and control

Critical aspects

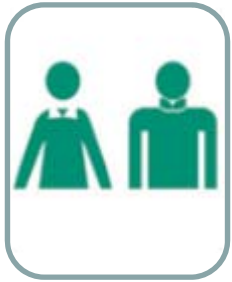
- The Codes and Manuals are not “textbooks” on diseases
- The Codes and Manuals are international standards to be used to evaluate and determine measures to protect animal and public health, including in the trade of animals and animal products
- **Ensure that their application is in accordance with obligations under the SPS Agreement**

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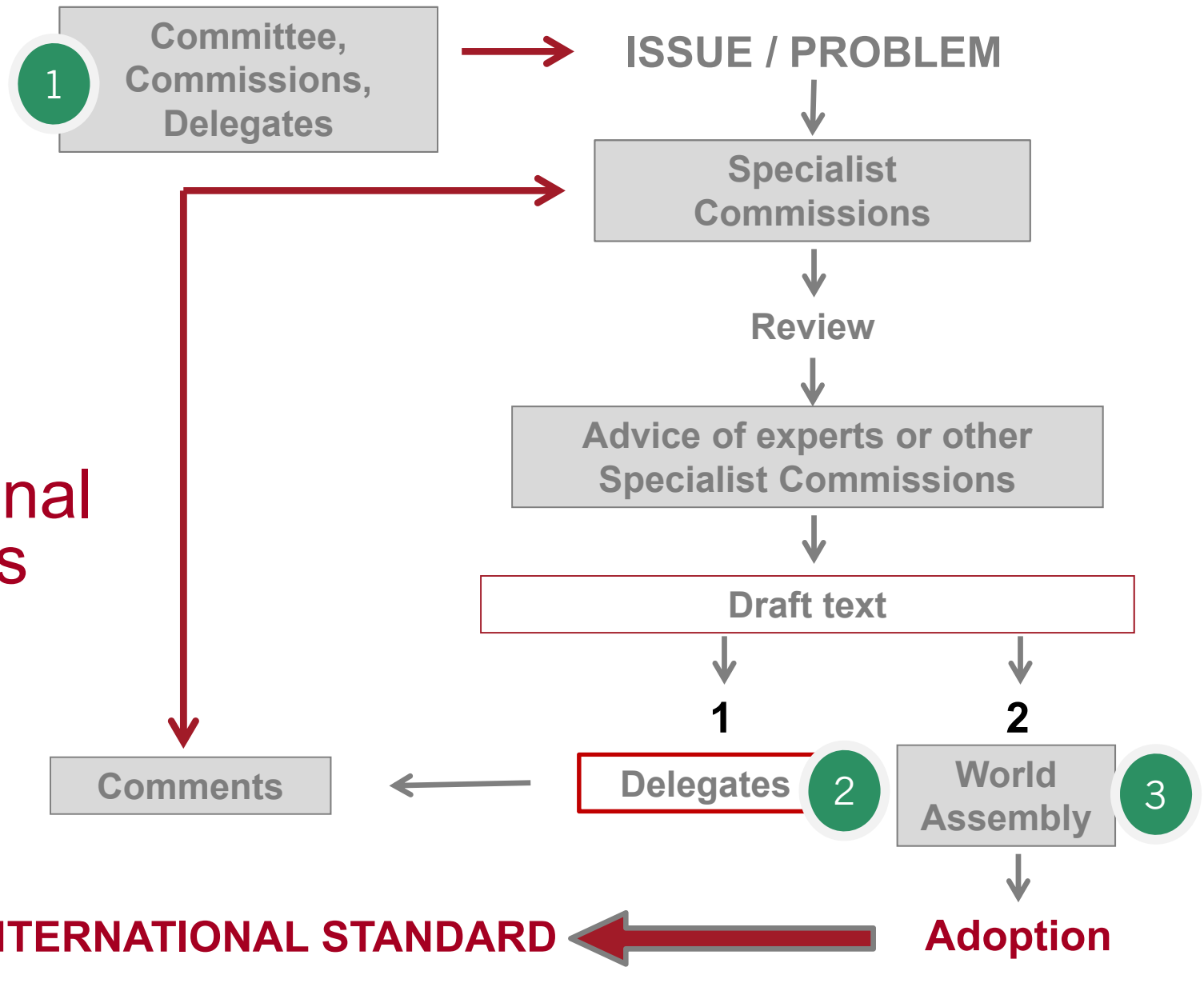
- They are to be used as a basis to further elaborate national legislation and regulation
- Including regarding the governance of veterinary services, the organisation of the profession, the prudent use of veterinary medicines especially antimicrobial agents
- The role and responsibilities of all the actors of animal health, animal welfare and veterinary public health are clarified, including the essential role of the Veterinary Authority

Why get involved?

- OIE Members are primarily responsible for the setting and adoption of international standards;
- OIE Delegates have a **responsibility to participate actively**;
- Once a standard is adopted Delegate's are **obligated to implement** the adopted standard
- **Focal points** have an important role in the standard setting procedure,
- **Private sector** is a key partner in the procedure for comments.



Updating International Standards

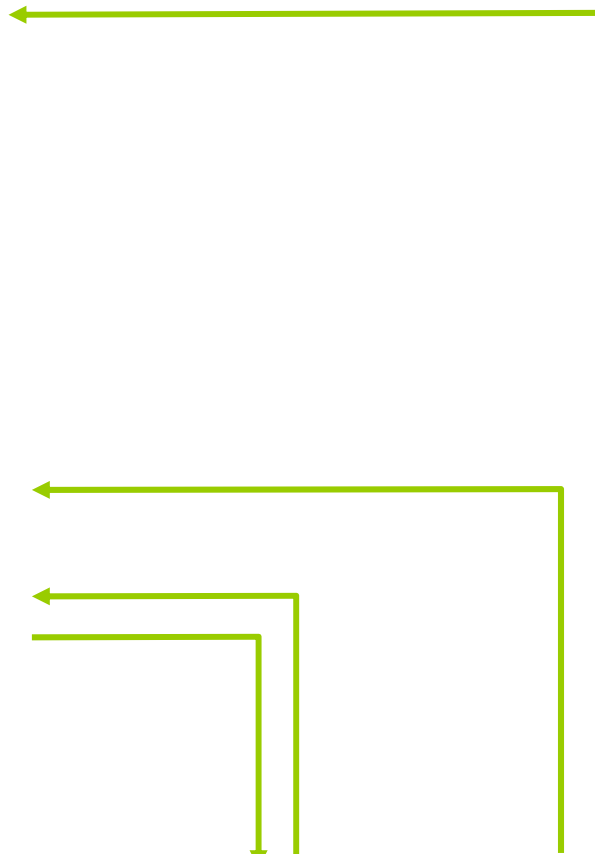
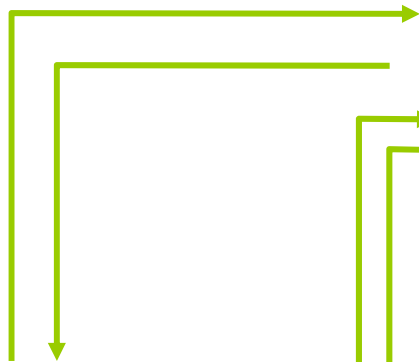


Role of the Delegates

- **Increasingly, expert advice is outside government and OIE uses all sources**
 - Individual / expert group from industry / academia / government
 - Other OIE Commission or Reference Laboratory
- **Transitional period for transparency**
 - NGOs with OIE agreement are consulted as per Member Countries e.g. IDF
 - Experts may participate in meetings
 - Commission reports on OIE website



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Thank you for your attention!



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