Terrestrial and Aquatic Manuals
OIE Standard Setting Process

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The OIE Manuals
What are the OIE Manuals?


- They aim to facilitate international trade in animals and animal products and to contribute to the improvement of animal health services world-wide.

- The *Terrestrial and Aquatic Manuals* were published in 1989 and in 1995, respectively. They are regularly updated as new scientific information comes to light, following the OIE standard setting procedure.
What’s in the OIE Manuals?

• Compilation of internationally agreed diagnostic laboratory methods and requirements for the production and control of vaccines and other biological products

• The principal target readership is laboratories carrying out veterinary diagnostic tests and surveillance, plus vaccine manufacturers and regulatory authorities in Member Countries

• The Manuals have been designed for practical use in the laboratory setting
The Terrestrial Manual

• The *Terrestrial Manual* covers infectious and parasitic diseases of mammals, birds and bees

• The seventh edition includes over 50 updated chapters and guidelines (including a new guideline on the application of biotechnology to the development of veterinary vaccines)
The Terrestrial Manual

- **Part 1**: General Standards
  - 10 introductory chapters that set general standards for the management of veterinary diagnostic laboratories and vaccine production facilities
- **Part 2**: OIE Listed Diseases and Other Diseases of Importance to International Trade
  - Diagnostic techniques / Requirements for vaccines
- **Part 3**: General Guidelines
  - Background information on biotechnology and antimicrobial susceptibility testing
- **Part 4**: OIE Reference Experts and Disease Index
  - List of OIE Reference Laboratories
The Aquatic Manual

- The purpose of the *Aquatic Manual* is to provide a standardised approach to the diagnosis of the diseases listed in the *Aquatic Code*, to facilitate health certification for trade in aquatic animals (amphibians, crustaceans, fish, molluscs) and aquatic animal products.
The Aquatic Manual

- **Part 1: General Provisions**
  - Quality management, validation of diagnostic assays, methods for disinfection of aquaculture establishments

- **Part 2: Recommendations applicable to specific diseases**
  - Diseases of amphibians
  - Diseases of crustaceans
  - Diseases of fish
  - Diseases of molluscs

- **Part 3: OIE expertise**
  - List of OIE Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centers
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How are standards developed and revised?

- **Issue / problem identified** by Delegates, OIE Commissions, international/regional organisations, industry, scientists:
  - new scientific information, e.g. from research or disease outbreak
  - new diseases – emerging
  - new approach to control, e.g. vaccination

- **Issue addressed as new or revised standard if**:
  - relevant scientific information is available
  - proposal fits with OIE’s 5th Strategic Plan priorities
  - wide support from Members

- **Issue addressed by relevant Specialist Commission**:
  - using *Ad hoc* Groups / Working Groups
How are standards developed and revised?

• Proposed new/revised text is circulated for comments:
  • to Delegates and Organisations with a cooperation agreement with OIE
  • the relevant Commission may revise proposals on basis of comments received and recirculate for another round of comments or propose for adoption

• Delegates discuss at OIE World Assembly and text is:
  • adopted or
  • returned to relevant Commission for further work

• Adopted texts are published in the next editions of the Codes and Manuals
Setting/Updating OIE standards

OIE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
Adoption of OIE standards

- Adoption during the **World Assembly** in May:
  - By consensus; in most cases
  - By vote (2/3 majority, quorum needed)
- Via **Resolutions** of the World Assembly of Delegates
- ‘Normal’ cycle of adoption = 2 to 4 years
- ‘Fast track procedures’ (in case of new risks to be addressed on an urgent basis) = 1 year
Annual cycle

May

World Assembly

September

Specialist Commission meetings

October

Reports circulated to Members’

October to January

Members’ prepare submission of Country comments

February

Specialist Commission meetings

March

Reports circulated to Members’

March to May

Members’ prepare position for World Assembly
Why should you get involved?

- OIE Members are primarily responsible for the setting and adoption of international standards
- OIE Delegates have a responsibility and an opportunity to participate actively in the setting of international standards
- Once adopted, the OIE standards are applicable to all Member Countries
- Focal points have an important role in the standard setting procedure, through the preparation of comments for the Delegate for new or revised OIE standards
National Consultation

UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS
PRIVATE VETERINARIANS
PRIMARY PRODUCTION SECTOR
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR
INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

DELEGATE
CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER
How to participate

• Comments should be sent by the Delegate to the email address indicated in the document

• Respect of the deadlines for submission of comments - detailed in each document

• Comments should be submitted as specific proposed text changes and based on scientific justification (if necessary, include a brief justification following paragraphs for which proposed changes are made)

• Proposed deletions shall be indicated with strikethrough and insertions, double underlined (no “track changes”)

Summary....

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ump0QJdjYC&list=UUYWwT1w9Yv2qpKChz9Hoomg
Thank you for your attention!