

# **International Animal Welfare Guidelines** *Where Do We Stand?*



***American Meat Institute***  
***Animal Care & Handling Conference***  
***March 30, 2007***

# A United Voice

## Role

A national umbrella organization through which all stakeholders in animal agriculture and the food industry can work together to develop programs and messages to reach consumers to enhance their understanding and appreciation for food animal production

## Mission

Communicate the important role of modern animal agriculture to our nation's economy, productivity, and vitality, security and that animal well-being is central to producing safe, high-quality, affordable food and other products essential to our daily lives

# International Animal Welfare Guidelines & Challenges



# OIE and Animal Welfare

## **Mission Statement:**

“To provide international leadership in animal welfare through the development of science-based standards and guidelines, the provision of expert advice and the promotion of relevant education and research.”

Source: USDA

# OIE Initiative Establishing International Animal Welfare Guidelines

## 2005 - Transportation & Slaughter

Transportation by Land (updated Dec '07)

Transportation by Sea (updated Dec '07)

Slaughter for Human Consumption

Humane Killing for Disease Control Purposes

Web site: [www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/oie/#Terrestrial](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/oie/#Terrestrial)

## 2007 - Terrestrial (Farm Animal) Animal Welfare – housing/production

*(generic initially, but species specific anticipated)*

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# USA Involvement in OIE

- USDA represents USA animal agriculture in the OIE – Dr. Ron DeHaven, USDA-APHIS Administrator
- USDA asked the Alliance to coordinate industry comments & submit a compilation report to help present industry consensus
- Alliance Established OIE Animal Welfare Expert Review Team
- Alliance Collaborated with Animal Ag Coalition – broader representation across food animal industry

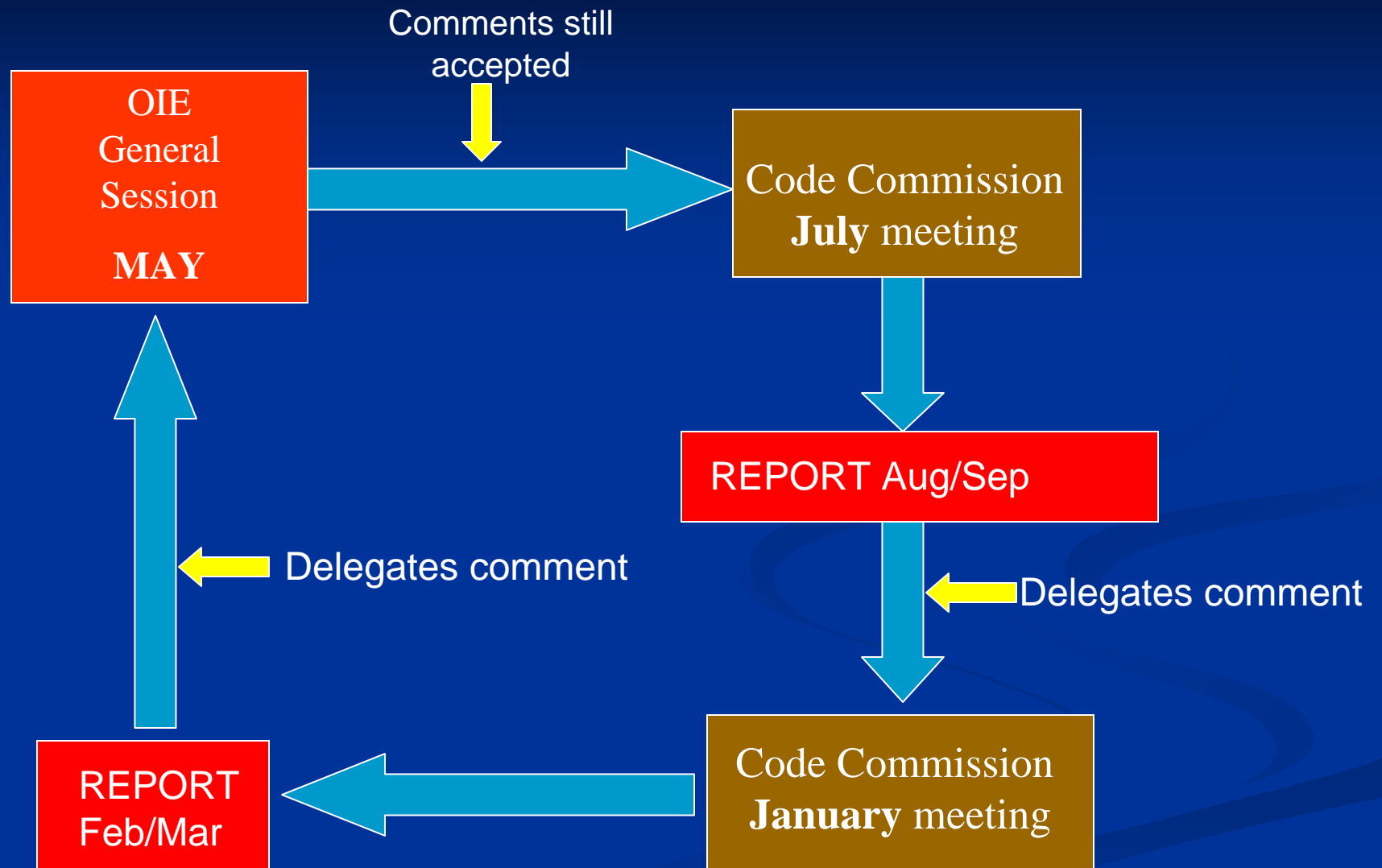
# Alliance Expert Review Team for OIE

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# Animal Ag Coalition Members

Animal Agriculture Alliance  
American Association of Bovine Practitioners  
American Association of Swine Veterinarians  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Horse Council  
American Meat Institute  
American Rabbit Breeders Association  
American Sheep Industry Association  
American Society of Animal Science  
American Veal Association  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
Animal Health Institute  
Assn. of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Assn. of Veterinary Biologics Companies  
Biotechnology Industry Association  
Catfish Farmers of America  
Council for Agricultural Science and Technology  
Federation of Animal Science Societies  
Holstein Association USA, Inc.  
Livestock Exporters Association of the USA  
Livestock Marketing Association  
National Aquaculture Association  
National Association of Federal Veterinarians  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Chicken Council  
National Dairy Herd Improvement Association  
National Farmers Union  
National Grain and Feed Association  
National Institute for Agriculture Security  
National Institute for Animal Agriculture  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Renderers Association  
National Turkey Federation  
North American Elk Breeders Association  
R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America  
U.S. Animal Health Association  
U.S. Poultry & Egg Producers Association  
United Egg Producers

# Cycle for submitting comments to the OIE



# Two Year Process for Final Adoption

- Alliance compiled comments of Alliance Review Team & the Animal Ag Coalition on Transportation & Slaughter
- Submitted coordinated comments to USDA & OIE
- OIE approved reports on transportation & slaughter in May 2006
- OIE submitted updated report on transportation back to members in December 2006 for further comment & more comments were submitted on behalf of Alliance & AAC
- Adoption of Final Report on Transportation likely in May 2007
- OIE will likely distribute updated comments on slaughter in late April, requesting more comments
- Adoption of Final Report on Slaughter likely May 2008

# OIE Initiative Establishing International Animal Welfare Standards 2005-07

- Aquatic AW – transport of fin fish (2005/06)
- Companion AW – urban animal control
- Wild and zoo AW – harvesting/culling
- Laboratory AW – housing, use in testing and alternative to animal use

- **Terrestrial AW – housing/production**  
*(generic initially, but species specific anticipated)*

Date expected: Fall 2007 release initial draft report

Final Adoption – likely May 2009

# **CONCERNS**

**Trade Implications – animal welfare standards debated in trade negotiations**

**NGOs Providing Input Directly to OIE on AW only**

**NGOs representation on AW working committee**

**Need Industry representation on AW committee too – IMS?**

# INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL-CARE STANDARDS URGED

*ITALY/FRANCE: Representatives of groups with ties to agriculture advise OIE on establishing international animal health and care standards.*

Five international organizations met for the first time in Paris, France, to advise the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on funding to help developing countries meet international standards for dealing with disease outbreaks and related issues.

... The other organizations were the World Bank, which chaired the meeting, the World Trade Organization (WTO), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the OIE.

“The European Commission has also announced that it will make a contribution for promoting animal welfare activities by helping countries implement standards related to the OIE. This was with the support of the E.U. member states.

*Web posted:* November 21, 2006

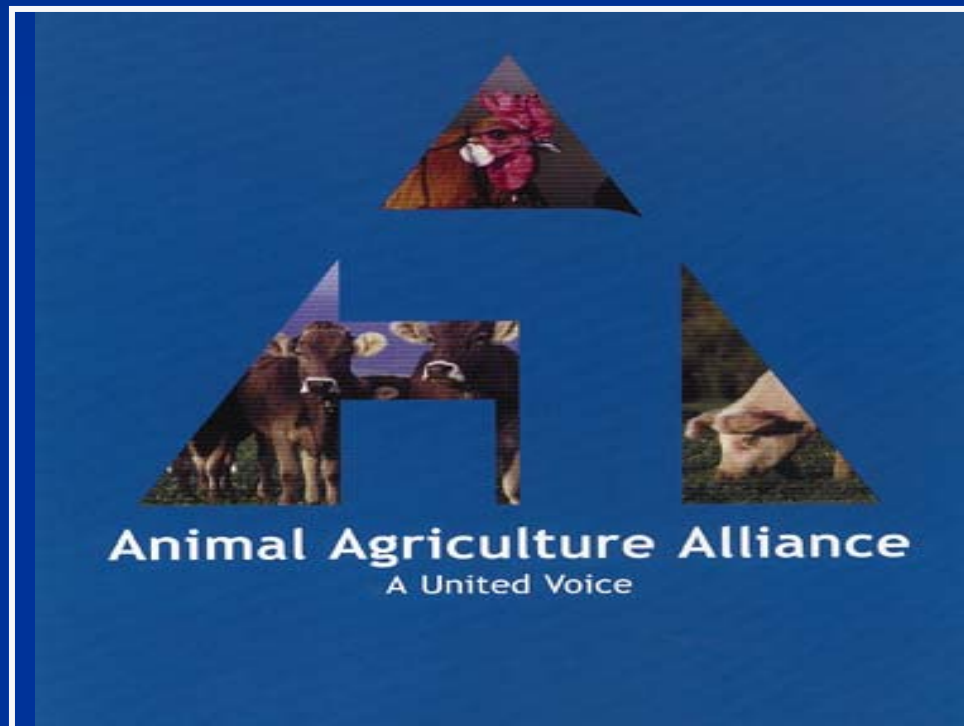
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In Europe: [Chris Harris, Editor](#) or

# What Can You Do?

- **Get Involved in your organization(s) & the Animal Agriculture Alliance**
- **Monitor OIE and other International Actions on AW**
- **Ensure AW policies & training are implemented throughout your operations – must continue to show strong welfare practices & results in US**

# Thank you!



[www.animalagalliance.org](http://www.animalagalliance.org)