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# OIE standard setting process

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# Agenda

- OIE standard setting process
- Role of OIE Members and Delegates



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# Recap: Overview of OIE Standards

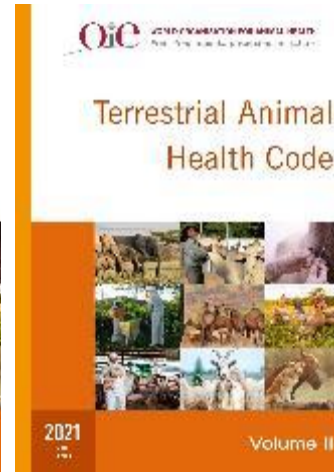
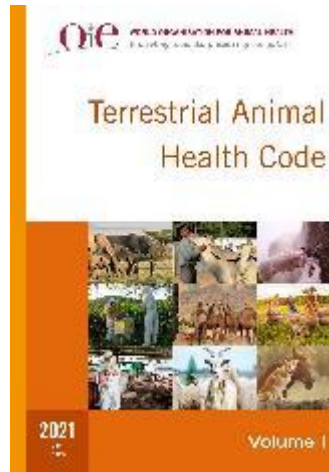
The OIE develops and publishes standards related to its mandate:

- **Codes** – standards for improvement of animal health and welfare and veterinary public health, ensure safe trade
- **Manuals** – standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines

May be found on the OIE website:

<https://www.oie.int/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/>

## CODES



### Definition

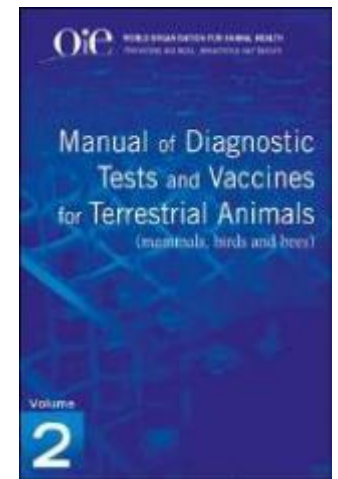
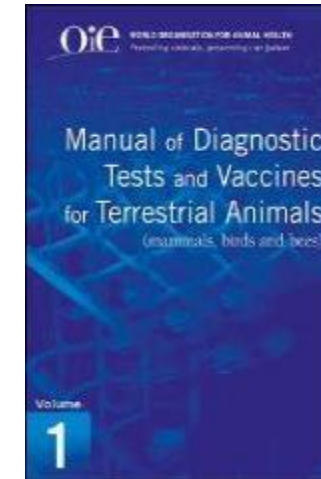
### Horizontal chapters

- General concepts

### Vertical chapters

- Disease specific

## Manuals



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Involves:

**182 OIE Members**

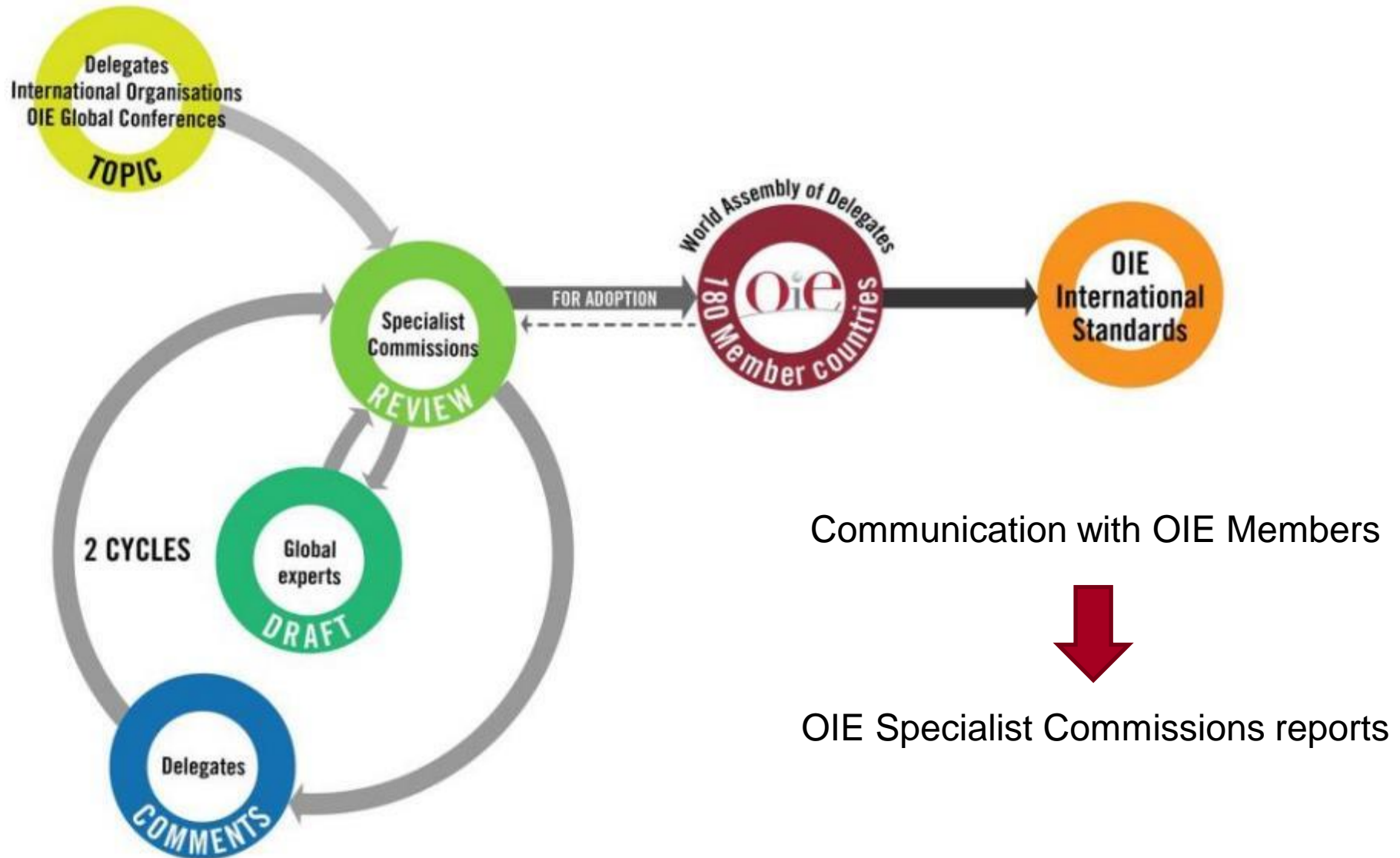
including national level industry organisations who can engage in the ‘in-country’ consultation process.

And

**Organisations with a Cooperative Agreement**

Link to organisations with cooperative agreement:  
<https://www.oie.int/en/who-we-are/structure/framework/#ui-id-2>

# OIE standard setting process



# Specialist Commissions

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards  
Commission

## Code Commission

- Updates the OIE Terrestrial Code and specific standards, recommendations and guidelines
- Ensure that the recommendations in the Terrestrial Code reflect current scientific information
- Seek views of Member Countries through circulation of draft and revised texts

Scientific Commission for Animal  
Diseases

## Scientific Commission

- Supports strategies and identification measures for
  - Disease surveillance
  - Disease prevention and control
- Submits corresponding proposals to the *Code* Commission
- Examines Members' requests regarding their animal health status

Aquatic Animal Health Standards  
Commission

## Aquatic Animal Commission

- Annually updates the OIE Aquatic Code and Manual
- Formulates recommendations relating to the prevention and control of diseases of fish, molluscs, crustaceans and amphibians

Biological Standards Commission

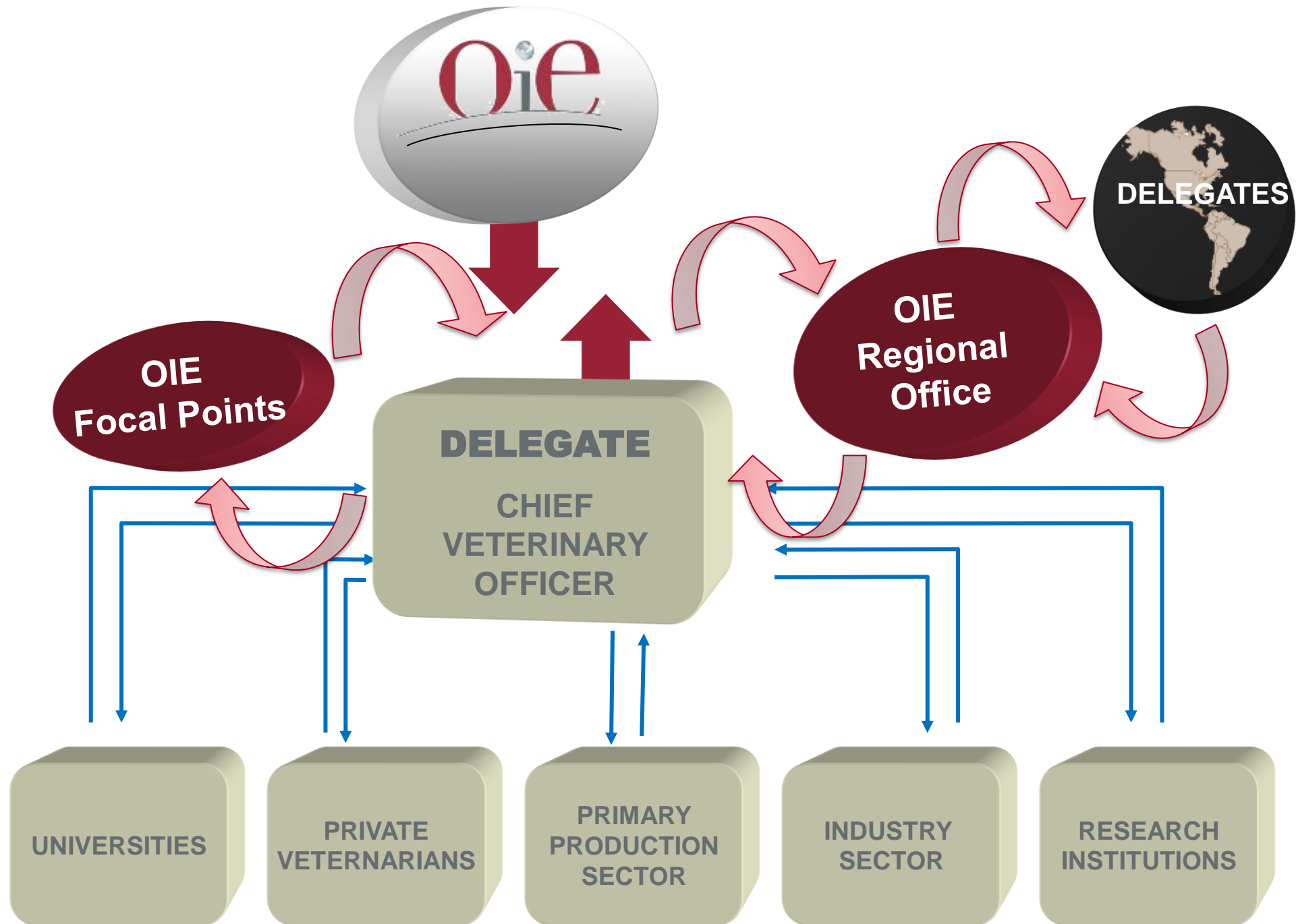
## Laboratories Commission

- Develops diagnostic methods for diseases in mammals, birds and bees
- Defines quality criteria of biological products, including vaccines
- Oversees the development of the Terrestrial Manual
- Supports the Director General in supervising the global network of OIE Reference Centres





# Role of OIE Members and Delegates





# Commenting on Code and Aquatic Commission reports

- General discussion and rationale for changes the reports;
- Texts for comments;
- Texts for adoption;
- Work programme
- Comments supported by robust rationale and scientific evidence;
- Collaboration between countries in Regions;
- Work with offices of Regional representatives;
- Make use of designated national Focal Points;
- Consultation with interested parties;
- Respect all deadlines!



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# Adoption of OIE Standards

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In February the TAHSC, AAHSC and BSC:

- Identify some new or revised texts, which had undergone sufficient consultation and inform members that they will be presented to the Assembly for adoption at the next General Session
- Proposed new or revised texts are shared with OIE Members

In May, at the OIE General Session

- The **Presidents of those Commissions** present the proposed amendments to the Assembly,
- **Texts are discussed** one by one,
- Members can express support, object and request changes **at the plenary sessions**,
- **If consensus is reached, the Assembly adopts the new or revised texts**,
- If consensus is not reached, text return to the Commissions for further work or, exceptionally adoption could be subject to a vote
- The decisions of the **Assembly** are captured in a dedicated **resolution** (GS Report)

Later that same year,

- a new edition of the Code is published



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## During the Commenting cycle

- Written comments,
- Detailed requests, comments and rationale,
- Can be received at any time before the specific deadline
- Captured and responded in the specialist commissions reports

## At the General Session

- Verbal interventions,
- Should be well prepared in advance,
- Should be focused on expressing support or an objection,
- Limited capacity to make changes on the spot,
- To be made only during the specific plenary session,
- Responded in situ by the Specialist Commission President,
- Captured in the GS report.





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