



# **TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ROLE OF THE OIE ANIMAL WELFARE FOCAL POINTS WITHIN THE OIE ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAMME**

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## REINFORCING PRIORITY MISSIONS



Animal welfare: a strategic commitment by the OIE

- Animal health is a key component of animal welfare
- The OIE is recognised worldwide as the leader in developing international standards on animal welfare

# FOCAL POINTS RESPONSIBILITIES

## Focal points

The Delegate is requested to designate, if possible, national focal points to comply with national obligations and to support him/her in the following fields:

- animal disease notification,
- wildlife,
- aquatic animals
- veterinary products,
- animal production food safety,
- animal welfare
- communication

# TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE OIE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

Activities of the focal points in relation to OIE obligations are under the authority of the OIE Delegate.

Information transmitted to the OIE from focal points must be under the designated authority of OIE Delegate whether focal points are:

- under the jurisdiction of the Veterinary Authority, or
- located in other Departments or Ministries not under Veterinary Authority jurisdiction

From a legal perspective, the OIE considers the official OIE Delegate to be the unique representative of the country.

# ROLE OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

## Terms of reference

- establish a network of animal welfare experts within his country or to communicate with the existing network
- to establish and maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority for animal welfare in his country, and to facilitate cooperation and communication among several authorities where responsibility is shared

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- to receive from the OIE Headquarters copies of the reports of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Code Commission) and other relevant reports
- to conduct the in-country consultation process with recognised animal welfare experts on draft texts proposed in those reports as well as draft standards proposed by the Code Commission when dealing with animal welfare
- to prepare comments for the Delegate on each of the relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual OIE Member and/or the region, including comments on the proposals for new or revised OIE standards related to animal welfare.

# NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR ANIMAL WELFARE



**Yes! How?**

# Thank you for your attention!



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