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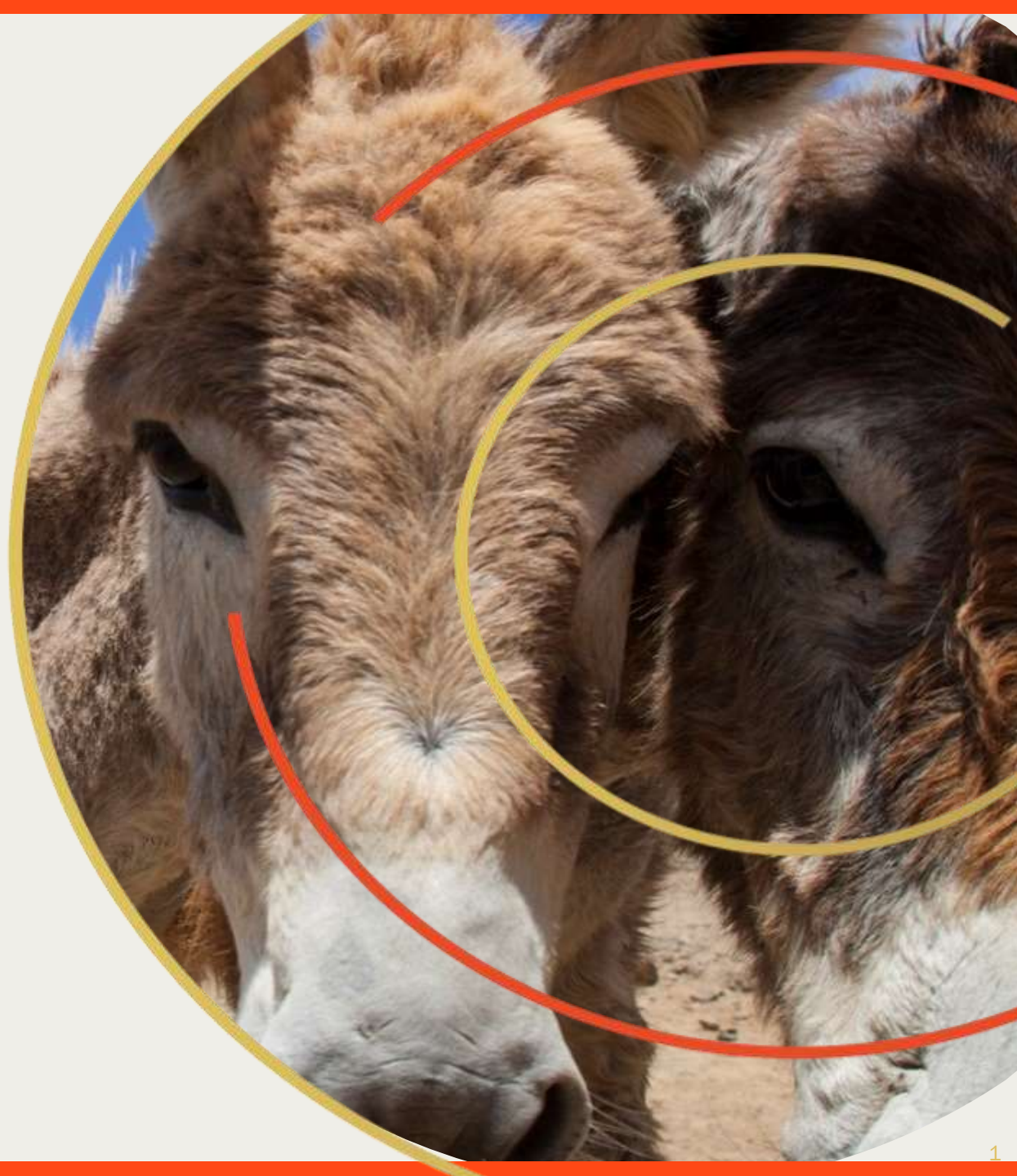
## Regional training workshop for WOAH National Focal Points on Animal Welfare in Europe

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25 – 27 June 2024, Madrid, Spain



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## WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

1<sup>st</sup> Action Plan  
2014 - 2016



2<sup>nd</sup> Action Plan  
2017 - 2019



3<sup>rd</sup> Action Plan  
2021 - 2023



4<sup>th</sup> Action Plan  
2024 - 2026



Launch  
2013

to improve animal welfare in all 53 countries of Europe and empower Veterinary Services to take action on animal welfare in compliance with WOAH standards





## Priority topics



# Slaughter of animals



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# Slaughter of animals

- Regional webinar on the slaughter of animals
- New revised standard adopted

91<sup>st</sup> WOAHA General Assembly of Delegates- May 2024

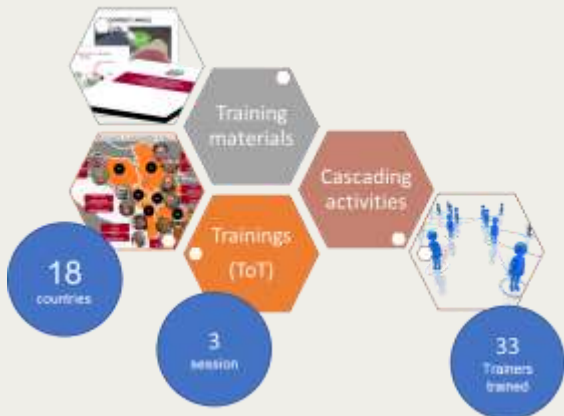
- TAHC – Chapter 7.5. Animal welfare during slaughter
- Developing on- line training module

The WOAHA Platform for the Training of Veterinary Services

- Dissemination of training materials

Webinars, train the trainers, dedicated workshops

- Development of a self-assessment and monitoring tool on slaughter



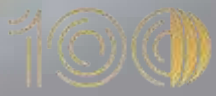
## for WOAH National Animal Welfare Focal Points in Europe 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Update on recent developments on animal welfare during slaughter in the context of a proposed revision of WOA H standards

- [The work of the Code Commission](#)
- [Chapter 7.5 revised draft proposed for adoption](#)  
A. Velarde (WOAH ad hoc group)
- [EFSA opinions – animal welfare at slaughter](#)  
A. Velarde (EFSA Panel)

- E-learning module on animal welfare during slaughter
- WOA H Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe 4th Action Plan (2024-2026)
- Discussion topics and issues to be addressed for the next National Animal Welfare Focal Points seminar





# Terrestrial Animal Health Code

## Chapter 7.5

### ANIMAL WELFARE

### DURING SLAUGHTER



26-30 MAY 2024  
PARIS

# Glossary

## **SLAUGHTER**

means the killing of an animals primarily intended for human consumption.

## **STUNNING**

means any procedure that causes loss of consciousness for the purpose of killing without avoidable distress, fear and pain

## **EUTHANASIA**

means the killing of an animal using a method that causes a rapid and irreversible loss of consciousness with minimum pain and distress



## Chapter 7.5

### ANIMAL WELFARE DURING SLAUGHTER

## This chapter applies to the slaughter in slaughterhouses/abattoirs

free-moving animals such as ruminants, camelids, equids and pigs

animals in containers such as rabbits and most poultry species

- identifies hazards to animal welfare during slaughter and provides recommendations for
  - Arrival and unloading
  - Lairage
  - Handling
  - Restraint
  - Stunning and bleeding.
- provides animal-based measures to assess the level of welfare and recommends remedial and corrective actions to be applied, when necessary.

## Chapter 7.5

### ANIMAL WELFARE DURING SLAUGHTER

## Stunning and bleeding

**Mechanical stunning of free-moving animals**

**Electrical stunning in free-moving animal**

**Controlled atmosphere stunning in free-moving animals**

**Bleeding of free-moving animals**

**Head-only electrical stunning of animals in containers**

**Electrical water-bath stunning for poultry**

**Mechanical stunning of animals arriving in containers**

**Controlled atmosphere stunning for animals in containers**

**Bleeding of animals arriving in containers**

**Emergency killing**



# Development of e-resources on slaughter of animals

## Concept note

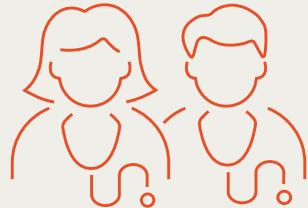

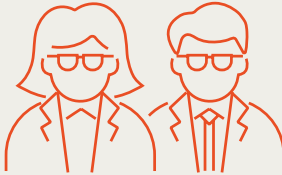


## eLearning: The welfare of animals during slaughter



Animal welfare

Completing Package  
7

THE TARGET	THE NEED	THE EXPECTED IMPACT	THE MAIN LEARNING OUTCOMES
<p>VS staff involved in official control of animal welfare at slaughter (intermediate level: Day 2)</p> 	<p>Implement the WOAAH standards on the welfare of animals during slaughter (Chapter 7.5 of the TAHC)</p> 	<p>VS produce adequate legislation, regulation, and education for the appropriate implementation of the Chapter 7.5 of the TAHC VS carry out official controls for the effective implementation of the Chapter 7.5 of the TAHC</p> 	<p>Apply animal welfare and animal behaviour principles to the slaughter process Assess (1) the welfare of animals during slaughter and pre-slaughter, (2) the facility, (3) the AW plan, (4) the operating procedures, and (5) the appropriateness and efficiency of restraint, stunning, and killing methods and equipments Transform the provisions of Chapter 7.5 into inputs for national legislation and regulations Implement a national control programme</p>



# eLearning: The welfare of animals during slaughter



## **DURATION**

4-5 hours



## **FORMAT**

Orientation entry test  
Interactive learner-centred approach  
Final assessment  
Competency badge



## **LANGUAGE**

English  
French  
Spanish

## 4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

### Animal welfare during slaughter

2024

#### Development of e-learning resources

Launch of the call early 2024

2025 - 2026

#### Dissemination the e-learning module

Seminar(s) for Eastern Europe and Balkans (the type of seminars will be defined according to members needs and available resources).

2026

#### Development of a self-assessment and monitoring tool on slaughter

Launch of the call 2025