

# WOAH global activities on animal transport

## Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport in Europe

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# THE WOAHA AND ANIMAL WELFARE: A STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

Resolution No. XIV from the 70th WOAHA  
General Session, 26 - 31 May 2002

- Animal welfare has been identified as a strategic priority for the WOAHA since 2001, under the mandate granted by all Members.

Resolution No. XXXI from 85th General  
Session, 21–26 May 2017

- The WOAHA Global Animal Welfare Strategy was developed from lessons learned from actions taken at national and regional level and aims to be a source of ongoing guidance for the WOAHA's activities in this area, and it's based in four main pillars.



## VISION

A world where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and advanced, in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health, human well-being, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.



# STRATEGIC PILLARS



**DEVELOPMENT OF  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
STANDARDS**



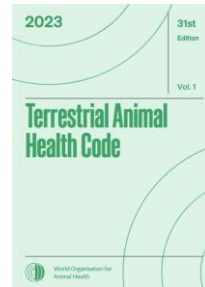
**CAPACITY BUILDING  
AND EDUCATION**



**IMPLEMENTATION OF  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
STANDARDS AND  
POLICIES**



**COMMUNICATION  
WITH  
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ORGANISATIONS AND  
THE PUBLIC**



# ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY

# GLOBAL ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM



COMMUNICATION  
WITH  
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AND THE PUBLIC

Implementation of  
animal welfare  
recommendations



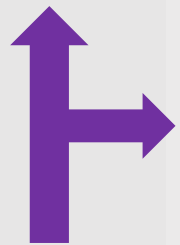
A journey to successful  
shipments

# GLOBAL ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM (2019)



## IDENTIFICATION AND INVOLVEMENT OF THE MAIN ACTORS/PARTNERS

- Competent Authorities proactivity
- CITES (2015 Cooperation Agreement – 2024 Memorandum of Understanding)
- IATA
- ATA
- Exporter
- Importers
- Civil Society
- Police



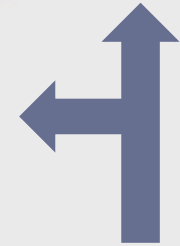
- Animal-base oriented
- Indicators
- Emergency plans
- Monitoring (new technologies)

## REVISION OF THE CODE CHAPTERS (SCIENCE BASED)



## INCLUSION OF OTHER SCIENCES

- AW Economics
- Applied ethology

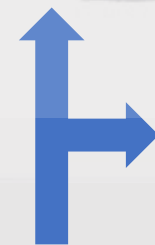


## COMMUNICATION



- Coordination
- Awareness campaigns

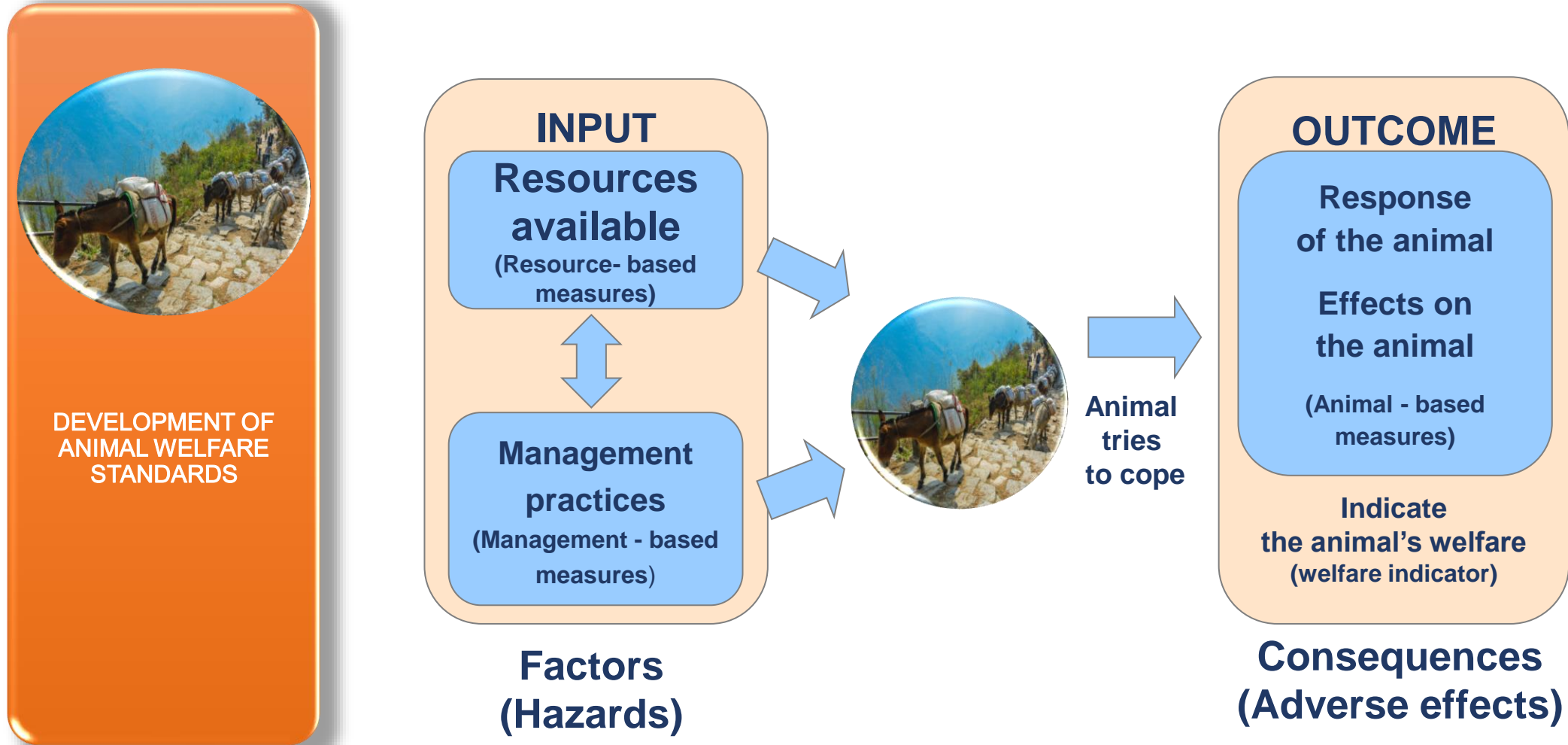
## SUPPORT THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



- Training
- Coregulation (IATA LAR - ISO 34 700 -CITES)
- Use of WOH tools (PVS pathway)
- Interaction between regulations (Sea – Land)



# CONCEPTS USED ON THE WOAAH ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS



# ANIMAL TRANSPORT CHAPTERS IN THE TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH CODE (SECTION 7 ANIMAL WELFARE)

Chapter 7.2. Transport of animals by sea and

Chapter 7.3. Transport of animals by land

Chapter 7.4. Transport of animals by air

These recommendations apply to the following live domesticated animals: cattle, buffaloes, camels, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry and equines.

They will also be largely applicable to some other animals, e.g. deer, other camelids and ratites.

Wild animals and feral animals may need different conditions.

**UNDER A REVISION PROCESS**



# CHAPTER 7.4. TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS BY AIR



- During the 49<sup>th</sup> WOAHA General Session, held in Paris 25-30 May 1981, WOAHA formally approved the IATA LAR as the guideline for the carriage of animal by air.

12. I.A.T.A. Regulations for live animals (approved by the O.I.E.) may be adopted if they do not conflict with national legislative arrangements. (Copies of these Regulations are obtainable from I.A.T.A. in Montreal, Canada.)

- Reinforce collaboration after the agreement signed in 2008 between both organisations.
- Referenced in the Chapter 7.4. transport of animals by air of the Terrestrial Code.
- WOAHA actively participate in the IATA LAPB.



# WOAH ad hoc Group on the revision of Chapter 7.2. , 7.3. and 7.4. Transport of animals by sea, land and air (Animal welfare during transport)

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**Third meeting planned, 18-20 March 2025  
WOAH Headquarters, Paris**





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## Proposed Structure

- Introduction
- Scope
- Definitions
- Hazards to animal welfare
- Animal-based and other measures
- Training and competence of personnel
- Responsibilities for all involved in transport
- Contingency plans
- Emergency response plan
- Planning the journey
- Documentation
- Nature of the journey
- Duration of the journey
- Fitness for transport

1. Animal welfare concern
2. Animal-based and other measures
3. Recommendations
4. Specie-specific recommendations o means of transport specific recommendations

- Rest, water and feed
- Condition of the means of transport
- Other facilities
- Actions in the event of a refusal to allow the completion of the journey on an international transport



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## Guidance documents

Checklist model V.5\_Animal transport by land and sea



**Annex 1**

**Checklist for transport of animals by land,**

*in accordance with recommendations described in Chapter 7.3 Transport of animals by land, of the Terrestrial Code*

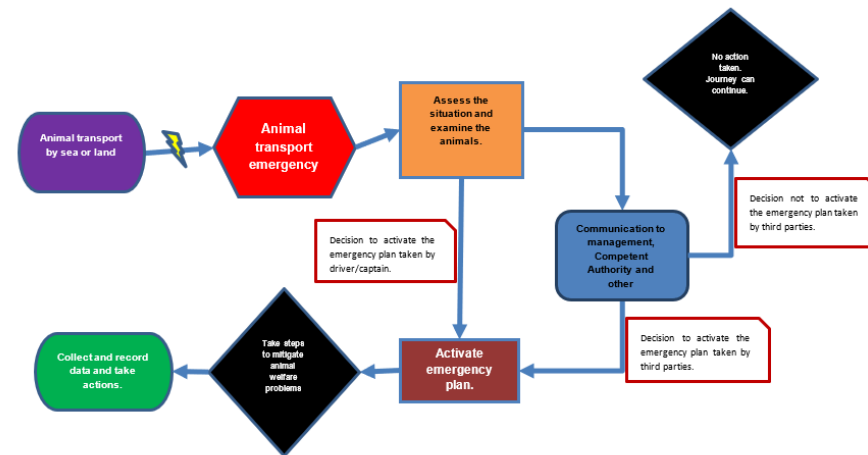
<b>Shipment information</b> Animal species: Origin: Destination: Name of the establishment: Business agent details:	<b>Vehicle (s) information</b> Vehicle (s) Owner: Name of the Driver/Animal handler (s): Model: Year: Colour: License Plate:
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N°	Items	Achieved			
		Yes	No	N/A	Comments
<b>Planning (Reference: Article 7.3.5. of Chapter 7.3.)</b>					
1	Are business operators/drivers/handlers familiar with minimum standards for animal welfare (where these exist) in the place of departure and destination?				
2	Is there a journey plan in place that provides details of the route (e.g., least loading plan, journey duration, itinerary and location of resting places)?				
3	Have all relevant stakeholders (e.g., Business operator, transport company, vehicle owner, driver, animal handlers, managers of facilities at the start and at the end of the journey) been provided with a copy of the journey plan?				
4	Have advance arrangements/bookings been made with all the carrier(s) participating in the transport of the live animals?				
5	Have the transport companies, vehicle owners and drivers chosen vehicles/containers appropriate for the species transported and the journey (e.g., do these provide adequate ventilation and protection from adverse weather conditions)?				
6	As appropriate for the species, age, and duration of the journey, have the animals been				

Emergency plan model V.5



**FIGURE 1. ANIMAL TRANSPORT EMERGENCY PLAN KEY FACTORS**



# Thank you

# Gracias

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# Animal welfare: a vital asset for a more sustainable world

Vision Paper



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