

Update on Global WOAHA animal welfare activities

11th stakeholders' consultation meeting of the WOAHA Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Wednesday, 24th June 2026, Brussels, Belgium

at WOAHA Sub-Regional Representation Office

(FAVV/AFSCA building, Boulevard du Jardin Botanique 55, Brussels)

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GAWS STRATEGIC PILLARS

Under a 'Theory of Change' process



DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS



CAPACITY BUILDING AND EDUCATION



IMPLEMENTATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND POLICIES

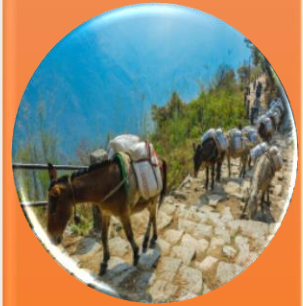


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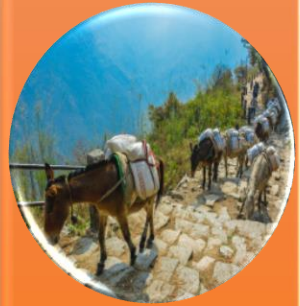
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Chapter adopted during the 93rd WOAHS GS

- Article 7.5.30, Electrical water-bath stunning for poultry of Chapter 7.5.
Animal welfare during slaughter**

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- ❑ **Chapters 7.2., 7.3. and 7.4. Transport of animals by sea, land and air.**
 - **Annex 26. Chapter 7.2. Animal welfare during transport**

- ❑ **Chapter 7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes**
 - **Annex 27. Chapter 7.6. Animal welfare at the time of killing for purposes other than slaughter.**

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To bring together members of the animal welfare research community, the global animal welfare movement and the global animal-source food sector to debate openly on topics relevant to animal welfare



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- First WOAHA AW Forum -March 2018.

‘Supporting the implementation of WOAHA standards’

- Second WOAHA AW Forum - April 2019

‘Animal transport: a shared responsibility’

- Third WOAHA AW Forum (Virtual) April - April 2021

‘Animal Welfare and the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals’

- Fourth WOAHA AW Forum (Virtual) -October 2022.

‘Animal welfare economics’

- Fourth WOAHA AW Forum (Virtual) -October 2023.

‘Developing national animal welfare legislation; different paths for the same destination’

- Sixth WOAHA AW Forum (Merida, Mexico) - October 2024

‘How WOAHA Global Animal Welfare Collaborating Centre Network can support Members in the development of animal welfare policies’

- 7th WOAHA Global Animal Welfare Forum, WOAHA Headquarters, Paris, France, 13-14 November 2025

‘Regional Animal Welfare Strategies and Platforms (RAWS&P); A key tool for the implementation of WOAHA animal welfare standards’

- 8th WOAHA Global Animal Welfare Forum, WOAHA Headquarters, Paris, France, 8-9 December 2026 (TBC)

WOAHA’s Global Animal Welfare Strategy update: From Evidence to Action

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- WOAH Training Portal (<https://training.oie.int/>)
- Development of e-learning modules.
 - Chapter 7.14. Killing of Reptiles for their Skins, Meat and Other Products (Finalised).
 - Labelling process of Chapter 7.7. Dog population management (On going- ICAM).
 - Ongoing work on Chapters 7.5. Animal welfare during slaughter (External contractor); 7.6. Animal welfare at the time of killing and 7.13. Animal welfare in pig production systems (University of Melbourne).
- Work plan of the Global Network of Animal Welfare Collaborating Centres, presented to the Biological Standard Commission at their September 2025 meeting. The Commission acknowledged and encouraged this initiative.



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- New Animal Welfare Collaborating Centres recommended by the Biological Standard Commission for adoption at the 93rd WOAHA General Session in May 2026 .
 - National School of Veterinary Medicine of Sidi Thabet, Ariana, Sidi Thabet, TUNISIA.
 - Contact Point: Dr Souilem Ouajdi.
 - WOAHA Collaborating Centre Animal Welfare and Sustainable Livestock Systems (Consortium- Chile, Mexico and Uruguay), Colombian corporation of agricultural research (AGROSAVIA), Bogotá D.C., COLOMBIA.
 - Contact Point: Dr Fredy García Castro

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- WOAH Observatory project
 - Thematic study on animal transport by land and sea. 1st and 2nd Phase finished
 - First phase – global survey by questionnaire: Factsheet on WOAH Website; <https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/observatory/the-observatorys-thematic-studies/#welfare>.
 - Second phase; Interviews and focus groups, to identify success factors and barriers to the implementation of WOAH standards related to animal welfare during transport. Report and factsheet to be published soon.

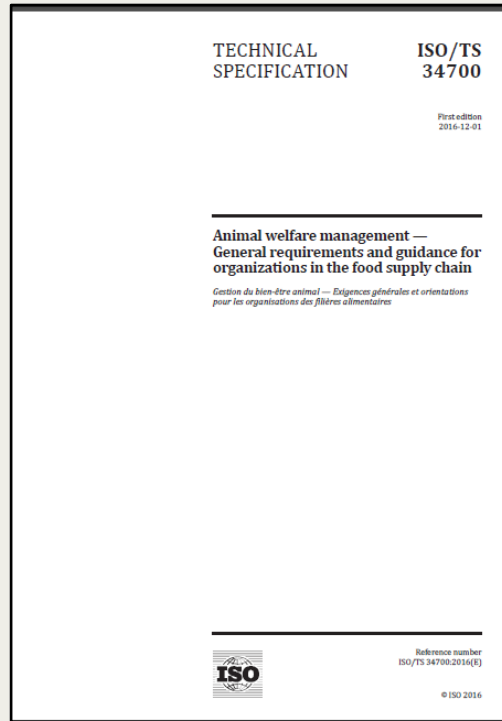
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ISO Publishes Technical Specification (TS)
(Dec 2016)

Implementation of the TS (2017-2018)

Review of TS in 3 years (2019)?

Possible review under discussion



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