

International Policy - The OIE, and the USA



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AP **not** International Policy Issue



European Union (EU)

Unwanted salesman...



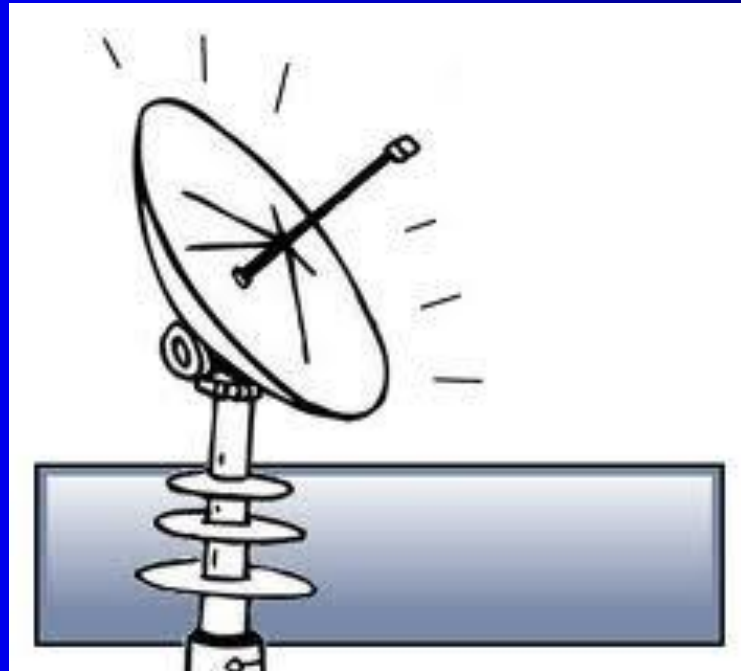
Developing Countries

Brick Wall



USA

Not on political radar...



Progress, What Progress?





Europe



Council of Europe



- 47 member countries (28 EU)
- AP conventions
- Not binding

European Union

European Commission > Food Safety > Animals > Welfare > Main_achievements

HEALTH FOOD **ANIMALS** PLANTS AMR

ANIMAL WELFARE

Main achievements

EU strategy on animal welfare

Animal welfare in practice

Legislative aspects

Other aspects of animal welfare

International issues

Farmland game

EFSA opinions

Archive materials

◀ **ALL TOPICS**

Main achievements

Animal Welfare is a priority for the European Union. Over the past 40 years, EU animal welfare legislation has evolved on the basis of sound scientific knowledge, improving the quality of animals' lives in accordance with citizens' expectations and market demands.

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[Extensive training for veterinarians](#)

[Better life for sows and laying hens](#)

[No animal testing for cosmetic purposes](#)





[Major improvements in animal transport](#)

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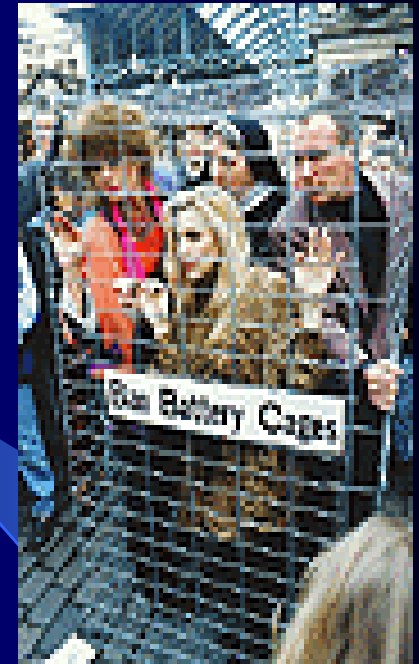
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European Union



**EUROGROUP
FOR ANIMALS**

COMPASSION
in world farming 



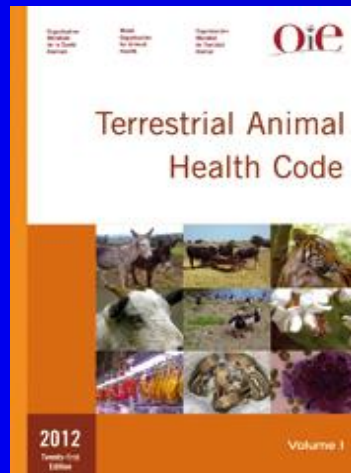
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THE EUROPEAN COALITION TO
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European Network for Farm
Animal Protection (ENFAP)

International Policy



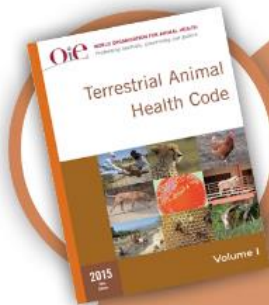
Mandate
Strategy
AWWG



OIE Standards - Science-Based



EXISTING STANDARDS FOR TERRESTRIALS ANIMALS



TRANSPORT



By sea – By land – By air

Farmed fish

SLAUGHTER



- Slaughter of animals for human consumption
- Slaughter of animals for disease control purposes

- Slaughter of farmed fish for human consumption
- Slaughter of farmed fish for disease control purposes

EXISTING STANDARDS FOR AQUATIC ANIMALS



General standards
for ANIMAL WELFARE

USE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH
AND EDUCATION



STRAY DOG POPULATION
CONTROL



OIE
STANDARDS ON
ANIMAL WELFARE

WORK IN PROGRESS

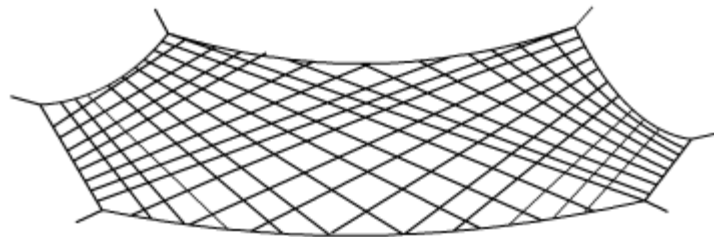
General standards
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WORKING ANIMALS



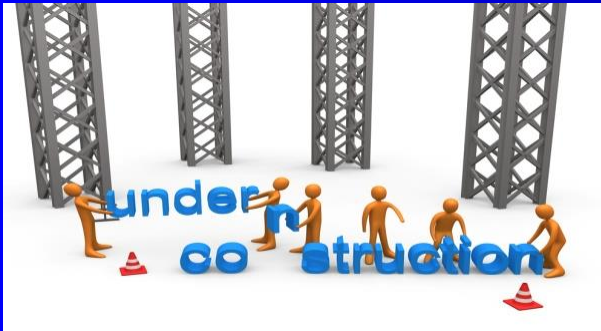
Minimum Standards – Countries Can Go Higher

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RAWS



Platforms



- Progressive development of AW throughout a region

Delegates & Focal Points

Each country appoints:

- Delegate
- AW Focal Point



ToR
Key duty is to
liaise and consult
with APOs

AW & Development



Advocacy – for many years!

AW & Development



Collaborating Partners



ICFAW OIE Reception



FAO AW Secondment



EU



AU (IBAR) AW Platform
& Others...

Countries

Many countries beginning to:

- Learn about AW
 - Introduce new/improved laws
 - Implement changes
- Including developing countries*





Progress, What Barriers?



Usual Suspects

Vested Interests

- Lack of:
- Understanding
 - Knowledge
 - Political will
 - Effective advocacy
 - Etc.



United Nations (UN)



Next to Nothing!

- Nothing in SDGs
- No UDAW
- No UN World Animal Day

US Role



USA

- Main voice against AP progress internationally.
- Spoke against AP in FAO and OIE work.
- Delegate is Chief Trade Advisor – Barrier!
- Weakening standards...



USA Example:

OIE 2016 General Session

Verbal comments/objections in meeting

Dairy:

- One space per cow not necessary.
- Floor, bedding and resting areas.

Working Equids: Threatened block -

- Mares not ridden 3 months before/after foaling.
- Maximum work 6 hours/day.

What can you do?

- Advocacy!
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- Contact OIE Delegate and AW Focal Point
- Become part of national consultations.
- Use ICFAW scientific comments.
- Monitor US responses and inputs.



National Advocacy



- Also use OIE work in national advocacy.
- Press for implementation of OIE standards.
- Inclusion in US policy and law (Federal!).

More Information Available!



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