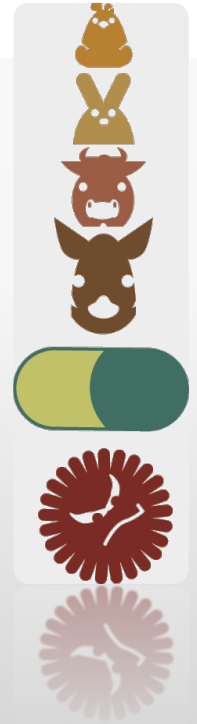


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OIE National Focal Points on Veterinary Products and their role in AMR activities



Introduction

- The OIE has a global programme of capacity building for OIE Delegates and OIE National Focal Points.
- One of the objectives is to provide good governance concepts to the main actors of National Veterinary Services.
- Among the elements of governance, the OIE grants great importance to **the good management of veterinary products, from both animal and public health points of view.**

The Delegate

National Representative for the OIE



- Responsible for negotiating international veterinary standards
- Notification to the OIE of the national animal disease situation
- National representative with international status

Appointed by the national government

(most frequently, the country's Chief Veterinary Officer)

History of Focal Points

During the 76th General Session in May 2008, the World Assembly of Delegates has:

- re-iterated the importance of the **Focal Point for information on animal diseases**
- requested to nominate Focal Points on **other subjects**

The appointment of Focal Points to the OIE should be only done by the **National Delegate.**

National Focal Points

8 areas of expertise

Aquatic animals

Communication

Wildlife

Animal welfare

Animal disease notification

Animal production food safety

Veterinary products-AMR

Veterinary Laboratories

Appointed by the Delegate

Focal Points

- **Veterinary products**
 - include diagnostics, vaccines and veterinary drugs
 - are key elements that enable detection, prevention and control of animal diseases
 - **Antimicrobial resistance is currently the main focus**

Focal Point Seminars (regular WHO participation)

- **OIE Conference on Veterinary Medicinal Products in Africa**
Dakar (Senegal), 25–27 March 2008



Advertisement for the OIE Conference on Veterinary Medicinal Products in the Middle East, Damascus, Syria, 2-4 December 2009. The image shows a white jar of veterinary medicine on the left. To the right, the OIE logo is displayed in three languages: Organisation Mondiale de la Santé Animale, World Organisation for Animal Health, and Organización Mundial de Sanidad Animal. Below the logo, the text reads: "OIE Conference on Veterinary Medicinal Products in the Middle East", "Towards harmonisation and improvement of registration, distribution and quality control", and "Damascus, Syria 2-4 December 2009". A small "Enter" button is located at the bottom right of the advertisement.

- Introduction
- Topics
- Programme
- Organisation
- Accommodation
- Registration
- General information

- **OIE Conference on Veterinary Medicinal Products in the Middle East**
Damascus (Syria), 2–4 December 2009

➤ First cycle

The first cycle training provided basic knowledge

- on the **mandate and activities** of the OIE;
- **on the rights and responsibilities** of the OIE Delegates and their Focal Points;
- on the **Terms of Reference** of Focal Points;

and also addressed the needs and expectations of Focal Points on Veterinary Products.

➤ Second cycle

- **VICH** (International cooperation on harmonisation of technical requirements for Registration of Veterinary Products).
- The use of veterinary products and the issues of **residues** and **antimicrobial resistance** (AMR).
- The **control of drugs** and the **quality of vaccines**.

➤ Third Cycle

- Diagnostic test validation methods and kits
 - **Antimicrobial resistance**
- **Collection of quantitative data on the use of antimicrobial agents and the establishment of an OIE database**
- Anti-parasitic drugs
- Veterinary products in general and good governance

➤ Forth cycle

- **antimicrobial resistance** including the **Global Action Plan and other Tripartite activities**,
- the **OIE database on the use of antimicrobial agents**, and the situation in the aquatic sector;
- **antiparasitics and challenges**
- **quality of veterinary medicinal products**
 - *counterfeit medicines, *registration/authorisation system
 - *implementation of VICH guidelines

Terms of Reference for OIE Focal Points for Veterinary Products



Termes of Reference: General part

The responsibilities of the focal points are under the authority of the OIE Delegate.

- Any information transmitted to the OIE from the different focal points needs to be transmitted under the designated authority of the OIE Delegate
- This practice would equally apply, if focal points are located in other Departments or Ministries
- From a legal perspective the OIE considers the official OIE Delegate to be the unique representative of the country.

Terms of Reference: Specific tasks

- **Establish a network of veterinary product experts** within his/her country or communicate with existing network;
- Establish and **maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority** for veterinary products in his country, and to facilitate **cooperation and communication among** several authorities where responsibility is shared;

Terms of Reference

- Under the authority of the OIE Delegate of his/her country, **monitor legislation** on and **control of veterinary products** to ensure that these are in support of OIE international standards, guidelines and recommendations;
- **Act as a contact point with the OIE** on matters related to veterinary products;

Terms of Reference

- **Receive** from the OIE Headquarters information **on VICH (1) activities and copies of the reports of the Biological Standards Commission** and other relevant reports, should they address discussion points on veterinary products;
- **Conduct**, on request, the **in-country consultation process** with recognised veterinary product experts on draft texts of standards and/or on guidelines and recommendations proposed in those reports.

(1) VICH: International cooperation on harmonisation of technical requirements for Registration of Veterinary Products :

Terms of Reference

- **Prepare comments for the Delegate** on each of the relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual OIE Member Country and/or the region, including comments on the proposals for new or revised **OIE standards**, guidelines and recommendations **related to veterinary products**.

Focal Points: role in AMR activities



• Why ?

- main contact in countries
- advance together
- exchange experience
- step wise approach
- sustainable

▶ National, regional, global as a network

WHAT ?

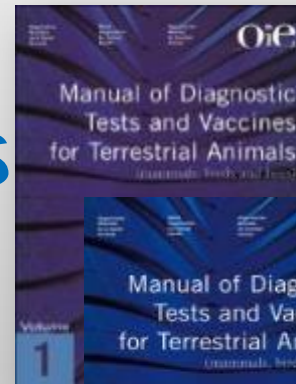
Collection of information: participation is key

Antimicrobial sales /use
in food producing animals



Collection of quantitative information

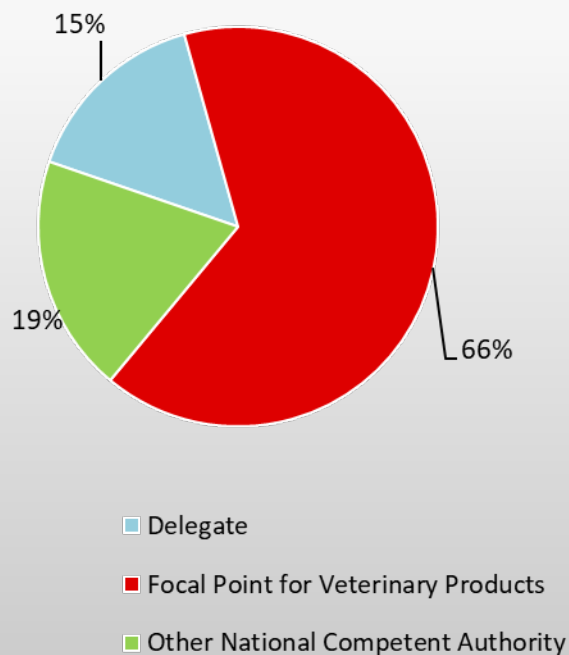
► Implement standards



AMU data Collection: Profile of Contact Persons

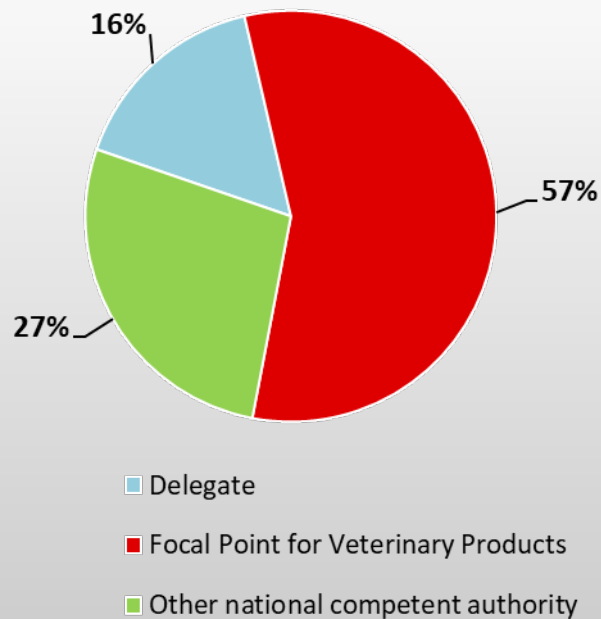
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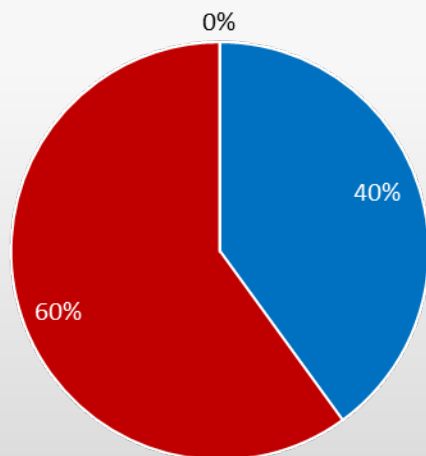


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Middle East: Profile of Contact Person

Mainly OIE National **Focal Points** for Veterinary Products

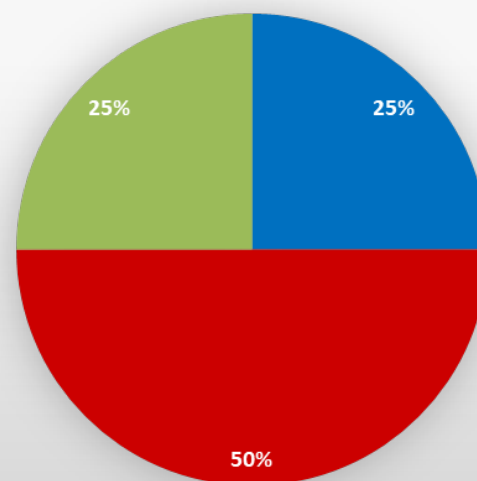
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- Delegate
- Focal Point for Veterinary Products
- Other National Competent Authority

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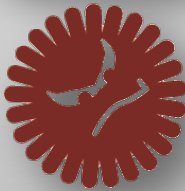
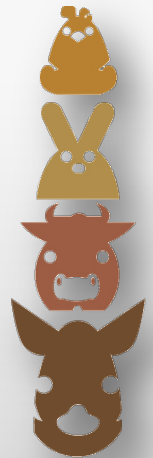


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- Focal Point for Veterinary Products
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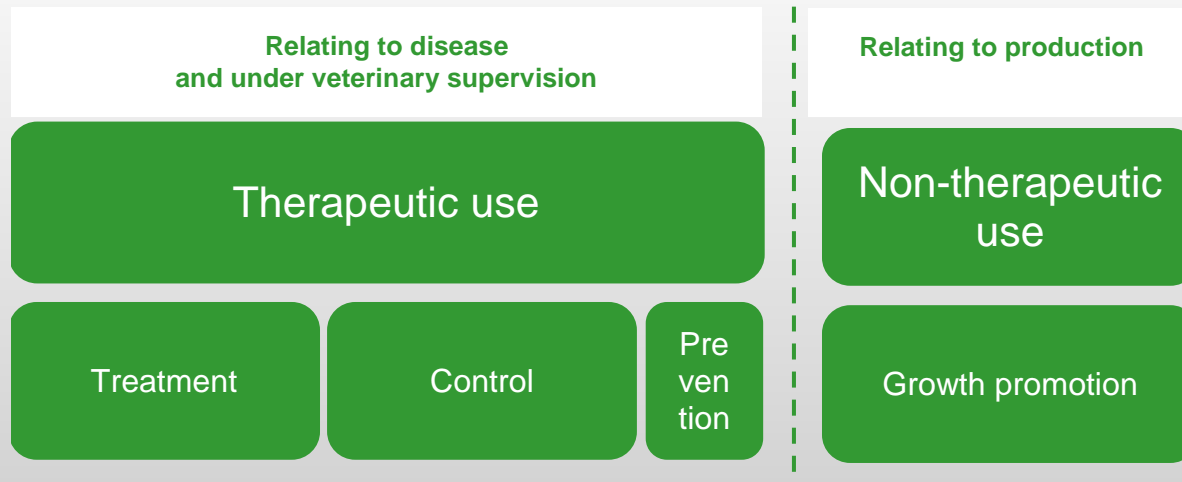
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Current status and next steps

- Fight against falsified/counterfeit/substandard veterinary drugs
- Determinator to calculate and compare antimicrobial use
- Common indicator to measure antibiotic resistance relevant to veterinary pathogens
- Proposed definitions on
 - growth promotion
 - preventive use
 - therapeutic use



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Therapeutic Use: Administration of an antimicrobial agent to an individual or a group of animal(s) to treat, control or prevent infection or disease. The Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMP) containing antimicrobial agents should only be used on the prescription of a veterinarian or other suitably trained person authorised to prescribe VMP containing antimicrobial agents in accordance with national legislation and under the supervision of a veterinarian.

Treatment means the administration of an antimicrobial agent to an individual or a group of animals showing clinical signs of an infectious disease.

Control means the administration of an antimicrobial agent to groups of animals containing sick animals and healthy animals (presumed to be infected), to minimise or resolve clinical signs and to prevent further spread of the disease.

Prevention means the administration of an antimicrobial agent targeted to an individual or a group of healthy animals at risk of developing a specific infection or in a specific situation where disease is likely to occur if the drug is not administered, where administration is provided under the supervision of a veterinarian, using an appropriate dose and for a limited, defined duration. The Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMP) containing antimicrobial agents should only be used on the prescription of a veterinarian or other suitably trained person authorised to prescribe VMP containing antimicrobial agents in accordance with national legislation and under the supervision of a veterinarian.

WHEN ?

→ September 2017: third round of questionnaires to send to Member Countries : antimicrobialuse@oie.int

→ Deadline of the data collection: 1st December 2017

Tripartite support

- Implementation of National Action Plans on AMR, Tripartite Questionnaire for evaluation**
- Participation in national tripartite meetings**
- Antibiotic Awareness Week (November 2017)**

Conclusion



Thank you for your attention



Any questions ?

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