SSAFE & Animal Welfare

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SSAFE is a global non-profit membership organization that works to protect Human, Plant & Animal Health ("One Health") by responding quickly to emerging issues that affect the safe supply and trade of food around the world.

Our collective expertise, from within our membership and through our collaborating partners, is deployed to deliver impactful solutions in a rapidly changing food environment.
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The base for good Global Animal Welfare practices starts with OIE’s Standards and the Five Freedoms as set out within them.

Avoid using Animal Welfare practices as a prelude to restrict trade in animal-based food products across international borders.

Encourage private industry, particularly in developing markets, to align with and meet OIE’s guiding principles and standards on animal welfare.

Promote the adoption of ISO TS 34700 for Animal Welfare, a practical tool to help promote good animal welfare practices across the globe.

Support certification programs that are aligned with OIE standards to strengthen consumer confidence and drive global harmonization of science-based principles in AW.
Global-to-Local Food Governance Systems

SCIENCE-BASED STANDARDS

LAWS & REGULATIONS
National to Local Regulations, Imports/Exports

INSPECTION & COMPLIANCE
Network of Labs and Inspectors
Verify Compliance

COUNTRY INFRASTRUCTURE

INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE
CODEX, OIE, IPPC & WTO

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION
ISO
Voluntary Measures

GUIDELINES & RECOMMENDATIONS
GFSI
Benchmarked Systems

MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
Accredited Certification, Transparency

PRIVATE PROGRAMS & SCHEMES

BUSINESS INITIATIVES

FOOD CHAIN

Primary Production → Food Manufacture → Trade & Distribution → Retail
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<th>Lessons from Food Safety</th>
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<td><strong>Public-Private Partnerships</strong> benefit all food system stakeholders including regulators, the private sector and consumers.</td>
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<td><strong>Private-sector alignment with official standard-setting organizations</strong> improve business performance, enable supply-chain assurance and facilitate international trade.</td>
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<td><strong>ISO</strong> serves an important role in establishing and continuously improving practical tools which help all private sectors function more effectively.</td>
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<td><strong>Independent benchmarking and good governance mechanisms</strong> are necessary to establish equivalency and drive global acceptance of private accredited certification programs.</td>
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Recognition of OIE's principles as THE global Animal Welfare Standard.

Enables benchmarking and transparency against OIE principles, criteria and standards.

Provides guidance to enable animal producers to manage the welfare of their livestock.

Facilitates market access and trade.

Improves the environment, care and management of livestock through better implementation of TAHC principles.

Respects geographical, environmental, cultural and religious differences.

Establishes an independent governance mechanism to ensure credibility of private certification schemes.

Impact & Value of ISO TS 34700:

But more work is needed to support adoption and effectiveness...
Outcomes-based approach while inputs and management-based measures

Balanced approach between science and practical on-farm practices

Unified, global, multidisciplinary, collaborative Animal Welfare stakeholder base

Regional, economic, cultural and religious differences

Common harmonized base level of good Animal Welfare practices to avoid trade barriers

Fundamental differences between species requires OIE standards as a base supported by additional species-specific implementation guidance
SSAFE’s GOAL

Continuous improvement in animal welfare through harmonized global standards for animal welfare, supported by government, industry and consumers, that are:

i. developed through scientific research
ii. outcomes-based
iii. support international trade
iv. provide true welfare for food producing animals
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