ISO STANDARD ON AW, BASED ON THE OIE CODE

ICAR/IDF WEBINAR
FRAMEWORKS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE ASSESSMENT

24 Feb 2021

Sandrine Espeillac
Head of the food department (Afnor)
Secretary of the ISO working group on animal welfare
A FEW WORDS ON ISO
ISO = the International Organization for Standardization

A network of 165 national institutes (one per country)

165 members

Stakeholders

Governments, Industry, Academia, Consumers, NGOs ...

Geneva (Switzerland)
23,000 standards
Values of ISO

Voluntary standards

WTO TBT Code of Good Practice

- Transparency, Openness, Consensus, Impartiality

One country = One voice

Addressing the concerns of developing countries

Examples of popular ISO standards

- ISO 9000 series – Quality Management
- ISO 14000 series – Environment Management
- ISO 22000 series – Food Safety Management
Launch of ISO works on AW

Animal welfare

- Issue of common interest between ISO/OIE
- An interest also for the food industry (SSAFE)
- Objective: to develop an ISO tool that facilitates the implementation of the Animal Welfare principles of the OIE code

Resolution 64/2012 of ISO/TC 34 (ISO committee for food)

- Welcomed the initiative to work on animal welfare, jointly with OIE
- OIE provides science based international standards / ISO will develop a tool to help organizations to implement the TAHC
ISO/TC 34/WG 16 “Animal Welfare”

> 130 members
> 35 countries
> 10 liaisons

Convenor:
François Gary, SSAFE / Phylum

Secretariat:
Sandrine Espeillac, AFNOR

Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Panama, USA, Uruguay

Liaisons:
OIE
IDF, SSAFE
IMS, IEC, IWTO
WAP, Eurogroups for Animals
ICCAW

Australia, China, India, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Thailand

Algeria, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia, Zimbabwe

Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Norway, The Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, UK
Title: Animal welfare management — General requirements and guidance for organizations in the food supply chain

Purpose:
To ensure the welfare of terrestrial animals raised for food or feed production around the world through the following objectives:

Objectives
- To provide a management tool for the implementation of the AW principles of the OIE TAHC (Section 7)
- To provide guidance for the implementation of public or private AW standards and relevant legislation that meet at least the OIE TAHC (Section 7)
- To facilitate the integration of AW principles in business-to-business relations between suppliers and customers

Scope
Limited to topics for which an OIE technical chapter is adopted
Consensus: the OIE TAHC

OIE Chapters covered by ISO TS 34700

General Principles of Animal Welfare (7.1)
Transport (Land, Sea and Air) (7.2 7.3 7.4)
Slaughter (7.5)
Beef Cattle (7.9)
Broiler Chickens (7.10)
Dairy cattle production systems (7.11)

ISO TC 34700 was published on December 2016 and announced during the OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare in Guadalajara
ISO/TS 34700 : content

**Who ?**
Organization
Open definition : farm, coop, industry…

**How ?**
Assess your situation with a gap analysis with the OIE code
Management approach
AN ANNEX TO DEFINE THRESHOLDS FOR ANIMAL-BASED MEASURES

Annex A
(informative)

Animal welfare thresholds for animal-based measures

This annex provides guidance to determine thresholds for animal-based measures, as long as there is no explicit outcome-based threshold or principle to determine the threshold established by the OIE TAHC.

Animal-based measures can be useful indicators of animal welfare and are a way to assess key areas where welfare could be compromised and should be enhanced or maintained. Animal-based measures assist animal handlers (e.g. producers, transporters and slaughter personnel) in monitoring the effectiveness of their practices on animal welfare.

Establishing thresholds for animal-based measures can be used both for transparency and to assess the conformity with the organization’s objectives and/or acceptable levels of animal welfare.

The animal-based measures are not necessarily used to set an overall grade for animal welfare.

The following approach can be considered for the use of animal-based measures.

a) These animal-based measures are based on the articles on “Criteria or measurables for the welfare [of each species]” in the relevant OIE TAHC technical chapters and on peer reviewed scientific publications. These animal-based measures should be valid, reliable and usable by animals’ handlers. Where relevant, the organization should monitor selected animal-based measures and
A BRIDGE BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Public

OIE code: Public policy, used by the veterinary authorities of importing and exporting countries

ISO/TS 34700

Private

Industry schemes

Private standards

Best practices
CONCLUSION

1) 4 years to have a consensus

2) Indicators are necessary but not enough

3) A need of certification?
THANK YOU!