

RESOLUTION No. XXVII

Animal Production Food Safety Work Programme

CONSIDERING THAT

1. At the 70th General Session in May 2002, the International Committee considered and approved recommendations drafted by an OIE Ad hoc Group on Food Safety concerning the scope of OIE involvement in this area, priorities for the OIE and a modus operandi,
2. The Director General has established a provisional Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety, which met in November 2002, and drafted a work programme for 2003,
3. In their recent evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), the FAO and WHO strongly supported the collaboration of the OIE and the CAC in developing food safety standards,
4. The OIE and the CAC have commenced work on an examination of both organisations' standards on food safety, with a view to identifying gaps and areas of duplication and to harmonising the standards to the extent possible,

THE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Director General maintain the Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety to advise him as well as the International Animal Health Code Commission on OIE activities in the area of animal production food safety.
2. The OIE continue to work closely with the relevant international agencies, particularly the CAC, and relevant committees and expert groups, regarding animal production food safety.

(Adopted by the OIE International Committee of the OIE on 20 May 2003)