

Responding to Substandard & Falsified Veterinary Products to curb AMR



Poor-quality and falsified veterinary medicines (SFVPs) compromise animal health, undermine treatment outcomes, and accelerate antimicrobial resistance. Their circulation poses a serious threat to public health, food security, and international trade. Because this challenge is global in nature, it demands coordinated action linking regulatory authorities, veterinary services, customs, and law enforcement.

WOAH's Strategy



TRUVET, operational global system enabling analysis and reporting of global and regional SFVPs



Link with in-field screening technology for initial suspect of SFVPs



Strong collaboration with stakeholders (private sector, customs and law enforcement) through operations



WOAH's International Standards, guidelines & recommendations related to SFVPs prevention, detection & removal



Establishment of an operational network of laboratories enabling SFVPs detection



Awareness and communication of the threats posed by SFVPs

Preventing harm before it happens: WOAHO-Interpol action against SFVP

INTERPOL's Operation Pangea, a landmark international effort, has made significant progress over the years in seizing unapproved and counterfeit medical products and prosecuting those involved in their distribution. Although veterinary medicines, including antimicrobials, fall within the scope of the operation, many countries have historically overlooked this dimension. That trend is now beginning to change.

Joint actions today

- 1 Joint pilot-simulation workshop in four countries.
Outcome: Gap mapping with actionable recommendations to strengthen cross-agency engagement to O. Pangea XVIII.
- 2 Data-sharing to support O.Pangea: WOAHO provided INTERPOL with data and emerging trends on SFVPs from WOAHO's VSAFE pilot.
Outcome: INTERPOL is better equipped to integrate veterinary medicines into the preparation and execution of O. Pangea XVIII.

Joint actions looking ahead

- 1 Expansion of inter-agency coordination across regions: WOAHO and INTERPOL aim to scale up and replicate simulation-based workshops.
Impact
 - Strengthens coordination among Veterinary Regulatory Authorities, law enforcement and customs.
 - Closes existing gaps and promotes sustainable, cross-agency collaboration to combat SFVPs.
- 2 TRUVET operational in mid-2026: Compiled and validated data from regulatory authorities, private sector, and partners is available subject to Members' consent.
Impact
 - Integrates veterinary-related intelligence into future Operation Pangea planning.
 - Enables Members to receive timely alerts on regional SFVP threats and prioritise risk-based post-marketing surveillance.



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