Dairy Industry Work in support of the OIE Animal Welfare Standards

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IDF Facts & Figures

What is IDF?

• IDF: The world’s dairy experts since 1903!
• A global non-profit and science-based organization, most comprehensive and authoritative source of information, expertise and knowledge on dairying, milk and milk products worldwide
• 56 countries representing more than 80% of world milk production
• Growing membership especially in developing countries
The unique strength of IDF

IDF National Committee

Governments & food control authorities

Dairy & food processing industry

Dairy science & technology, academia, researchers

Food nutritionists & marketers

Suppliers to the dairy & food sector

Dairy farmers

Opinion formers: health authorities, medical sector
# Key collaborations

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- Animal health
- Milking hygiene
- Animal feeding and water
- Animal welfare
- Environment
Achieving Good Welfare Practice

- Good husbandry practices
- Physical strategies to relieve constraints
- Herd health plans
- Selection of suitable animals
- Recognise the Five Freedoms
- Promote the benefits of good welfare practice
Principles for development

- Science-based
- Outcome based not prescription about resource (equivalence)
- Recognise best practice
- Encourage voluntary self-regulation by producers
- Provide information and guidelines
Equivalence
Outcome-based
Process of development

- Project Group nominated via IDF National Committees in 2006, including invited representatives from FAO and OIE
- Draft developed by PG with expert input from IDF Standing Committees
- Peer review including OIE
- Consultation through National Committees including farming representatives, veterinarians etc.
- Final draft and publication in 2008
Action Areas

- Stockmanship
- Feed and water
- Physical environment
- Husbandry practices
- Health management

The guide is available free of charge from: www.fil-idf.org
Stockmanship

- Underpins successful dairying
- Empathy
- Ability to identify animal needs and take appropriate action
- Training and competence
Feed and Water

- Appropriate and adequate for needs according to production levels
- Quality
- Monitoring body condition
- Needs of young animals
Physical Environment

- Providing comfort
- Expression of natural behaviour
- Facilities for milking
- Feedlots and yards
- Provision of shade and shelter
Husbandry Practices

- Handling animals
- Milking
- Husbandry procedures
- Reproduction, birth and weaning
- Transport
Health Management

- Herd health management programmes
- Biosecurity
- Emergency slaughter
Questions please?

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