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Report on OIE Activities, including VICH

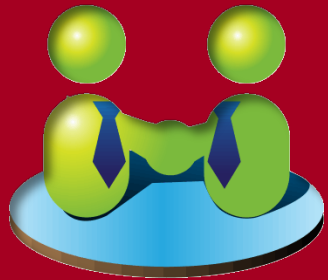
Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods, 24th Session

Chicago (USA), 23-27 April 2018



Main OIE activities including VICH since March 2016

- Introduction to the OIE and Codex Alimentarius collaboration
- What is the OIE mission? Sixth Strategic Plan
- Update on the progress in different domains
- Special focus on VICH and VICH Outreach Forum



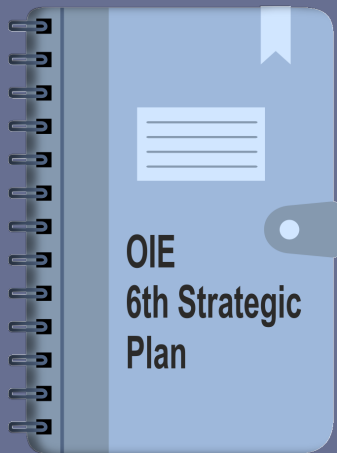
Introduction to the OIE and Codex Alimentarius Collaboration

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The OIE and Codex have a **long-standing collaboration** in addressing the risks to human health and food safety

There is regular participation of Codex representatives in the OIE standard setting work and **vice-versa**, the OIE participates in relevant CODEX activities as well

The OIE addresses food safety related issues in its standard setting activities and works closely with CAC and its Committees and with other international organisations **to promote safe international trade in animals and their products**



What is the OIE mission? Sixth Strategic Plan

OIE mission and its 6th Strategic Plan

To protect and promote animal health and welfare worldwide. The OIE's primary mandate is to produce Codes and Manuals covering terrestrial and aquatic animals.

Sixth Strategic Plan (2016–2020) sets out three major objectives leading to economic prosperity and social and environmental well-being.

- Objective 1: Securing animal health and welfare by appropriate risk management
- Objective 2: Establishing trust through transparency and communication
- Objective 3: Ensuring the capacity and sustainability of Veterinary Services



Update on the progress in different domains

Resolutions

Adopted by the World Assembly of OIE Delegates during their 85th General Session 21 – 26 May 2017:

- **Resolution No. 38** - Global action to alleviate the threat of antimicrobial resistance: progress and opportunities for future activities under the 'One Health' initiative
- **Resolution No. 39** - Public-Private Partnerships: expectations of private sector partners for international animal health and livestock development programmes

Capacity building activities, including veterinary medicinal products

5th cycle OIE Focal Points (FP) for Veterinary Products training seminars-with **new objectives**

- 6-8 December 2017, Swaziland ➔ **English speaking African region**
- 16-18 January 2018 Côte d'Ivoire ➔ **French speaking Africa**
- 20-22 March 2018 ➔ **Asia, the Far East, Oceania**
- 10-12 August 2018 ➔ **Americas**
- 2-4 October 2018 ➔ **Europe**
- To be confirmed ➔ **Middle East**

Including of VICH Outreach activities

- **The objectives of 5th Cycle seminar:**
 - Combatting **AMR** including the Tripartite activities, implementation of national action plans, the OIE database on the use of antimicrobial agents.
 - **Convergence/harmonisation of authorization** system of drugs and vaccines.
 - **Antiparasitic resistance and challenges;** quality of veterinary products including, identification of actions that could be done to fight against counterfeit medicines.
 - General principles and implementation of VICH guidelines, update on **VICH Outreach Forum activities**.
 - **Experience-sharing** and FP activities as well as discussion among countries in the region.



Special focus on OIE activities related to VICH and VICH Outreach Forum

Outreach Forum

The VICH Outreach Forum (VOF) is a VICH initiative with the main objectives to provide a basis for wider international harmonization of technical requirements, to improve information exchange, and to raise awareness of VICH and VICH guidelines with non-VICH countries/regions.

Objectives of the OIE activities:

- Highlight the VICH Outreach Forum activities
- Provide support through OIE communications
- Support participation by Outreach Forum Countries and underline the need for sustainability
- **VICH Outreach Forum is slowly growing -16 MCs and 3 Organisations**

Outreach Forum

There is a **strong interest** among VICH Member Countries about how the **appropriate withdrawal periods** should be set up for any food producing animals

There are many different withdrawal periods for the same pharmaceutical product or its generic equivalent (this challenge was also underlined during one of the training seminars)

This is important especially for developing or low and middle income nations that may lack **comprehensive regulatory systems and controls**;

Information to OIE Member Countries

After the VICH Steering Committee (SC) and Outreach Forum (VOF) meetings, **Summary Reports** are sent to all 181 OIE Member Countries

Invitation letters sent to the OIE Delegates for VOF Member Countries, copied to Focal Points for Veterinary Products and Organisations: e.g. ASEAN, CAMEVET and UEMOA

Information to OIE Member Countries

After the recent meeting we circulated the following draft guideline for consultation :

« Studies to evaluate the metabolism and residue kinetics of veterinary drugs in food producing species: Marker Residue Depletion (MRD) studies to establish withdrawal period in aquatic species. (Draft VICH GL 57) » .

Open for comments until 15 June 2018

Tangible Benefit

In Argentina during the **(34th SC and 8th meeting)** from **27-28 February to March in 2017** a report was presented on a joint review initiative between Canada, Australia and New Zealand which reinforced the tangible benefit of the VICH work

Upcoming meetings in **Bruges, Belgium, from 25 to 28 June 2018.**

Public Conference in **Cape Town, South Africa from 24 February – to 1 March 2019**

Thank you for your attention



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