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Comments on Chapters in OIE's Terrestrial Animal Health code and Report of the meeting of the OIE TAHSC

Chapter 7.5. Slaughter of animals and
Chapter 7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes.

DOSO is of the opinion that stunning and killing – whichever method applied - must be followed immediately by bleeding and that words to that effect should be added as introduction to both chapters.

Chapter 7.10. Animal welfare and broiler chicken production systems.

2. Environment and management, c) Air quality:

'Ammonia concentration should not routinely exceed 25 ppm at broiler level.'

l) Painful interventions,

such as beak trimming, toe trimming and dubbing, should not be routinely practised on broilers.

DOSO recommend that the word 'routinely' is deleted in paragraphs c) and l)

q) *On farm harvesting.*

DOSO recommend that the word 'harvesting' is replaced (gathering for slaughter) in realisation of the fact that the chapter deals with sentient beings – not industrial elements. Words are important. They determine our attitude and thereby our treatment of the subject described.

Chapter 7.11. Animal welfare and dairy cattle production systems

13.m) Painful husbandry procedures.

DOSO recommend that the paragraph read: Such procedures should be performed at as early an age as possible using anaesthesia or analgesia by a veterinarian or under supervision of a veterinarian.



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b)ii) Tail docking

DOSO suggest that the paragraph reads: 'Tail docking does not improve the health and welfare of dairy cattle and is therefore to be discouraged.'

Report of the meeting of the OIE terrestrial animal health standards commission
(Paris, 31 August–10 September 2015.)

Referring to '*Guidelines on disaster management and risk reduction in relation to animal health and welfare and veterinary public health. (Guidelines for national veterinary services)*' with attention to: 'Disaster', 'hazards' and 'Technological/Man-made disaster'

and referring to

- item 11: Veterinary Public Health: Antimicrobial resistance
- and
- item 12: 'Veterinary Public Health: Zoonoses and Food Safety'

DOSO urgently request that a chapter on prevention and control of the evolution and transfer of MRSA cc398 and of other antibiotic-resistant bacteria is added to the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* as meat producers' attempts to replace animal welfare with antibiotics have had detrimental effects on animal health and welfare, on public health and public health budgets.

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