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Overview of existing structures relevant for Veterinary Products

**International Structures:
*Codex alimentarius***

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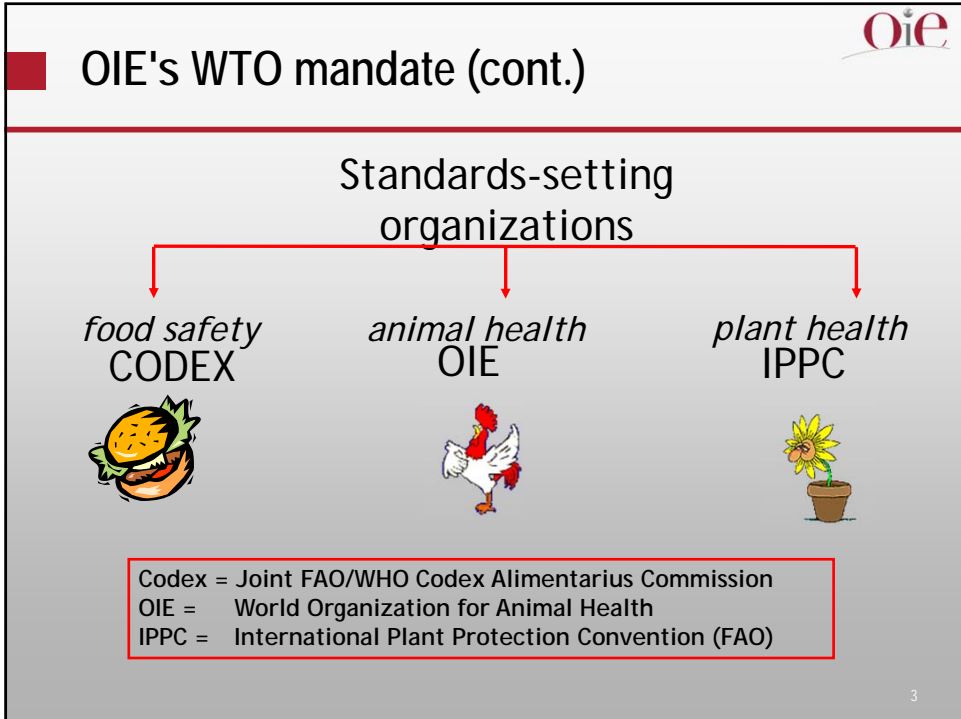



WTO Agreement

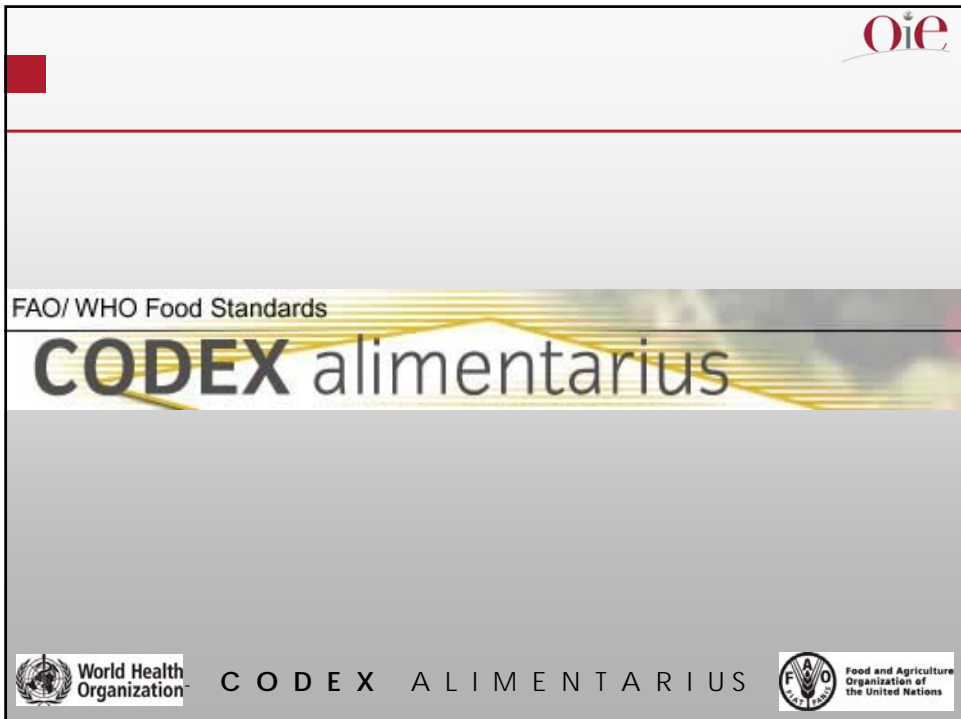
- **Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)**
 - The SPS Agreement calls on countries to harmonize their national standards with “international standards, guidelines or recommendations”(Article 3.1).
 - “international standards, guidelines or recommendations”(Annex A).
 - Codex Standards for food safety
 - OIE for animal health and zoonoses
 - IPPC for plant health
- **Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement)**
 - The TBT Agreement calls on countries to use relevant international standards when they exist (Article 2.4).

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About Codex Alimentarius

- *CODEX ALIMENTARIUS* is latin for “food code”
- The **Codex Alimentarius** is a collection of food standards, guidelines and codes of practice developed by the Codex Alimentarius Commission
- **June/July 1963** First Session of the Codex Alimentarius
- Currently 181 Member countries and One Member Organization (EC)

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Codex Alimentarius Commission Mandate

- To **protect the health** of consumers
- To **ensure fair practices** in international food trade
- To **coordinate all food standardization work** done by international organizations

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Codex Alimentarius Commission Work organization



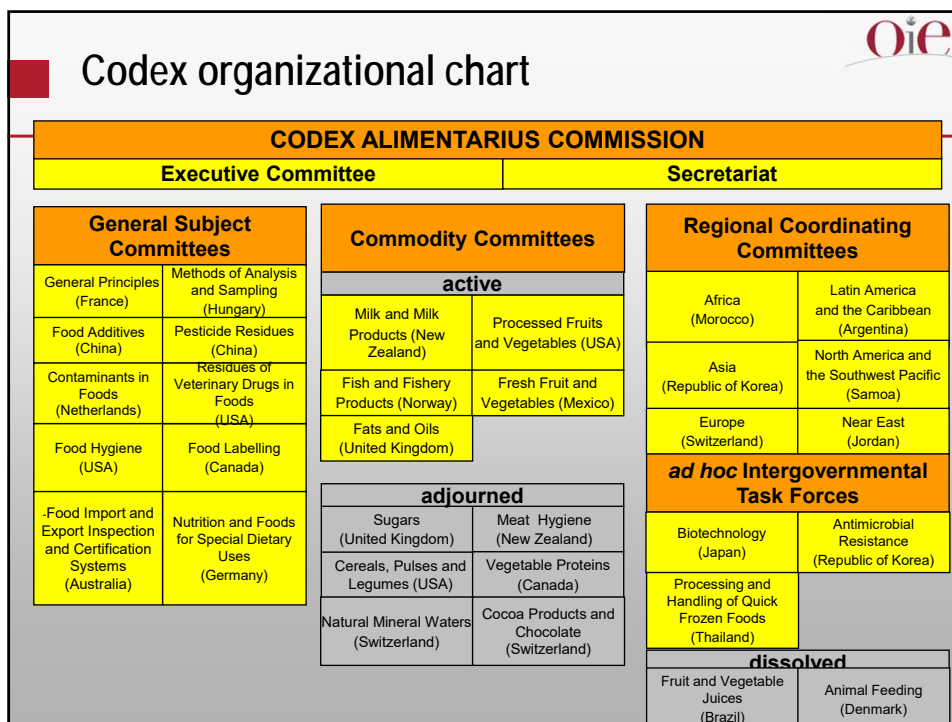
Work is based on **independent scientific advice** provided by FAO/WHO in accordance with Risk Analysis principles

- **Consensus** whenever possible to ensure broad acceptance of standards - Votes are possible but rare
- **Frequency:** Committees/ task forces: every 12 to 24 months - Executive Committee: twice annually - Commission: annually

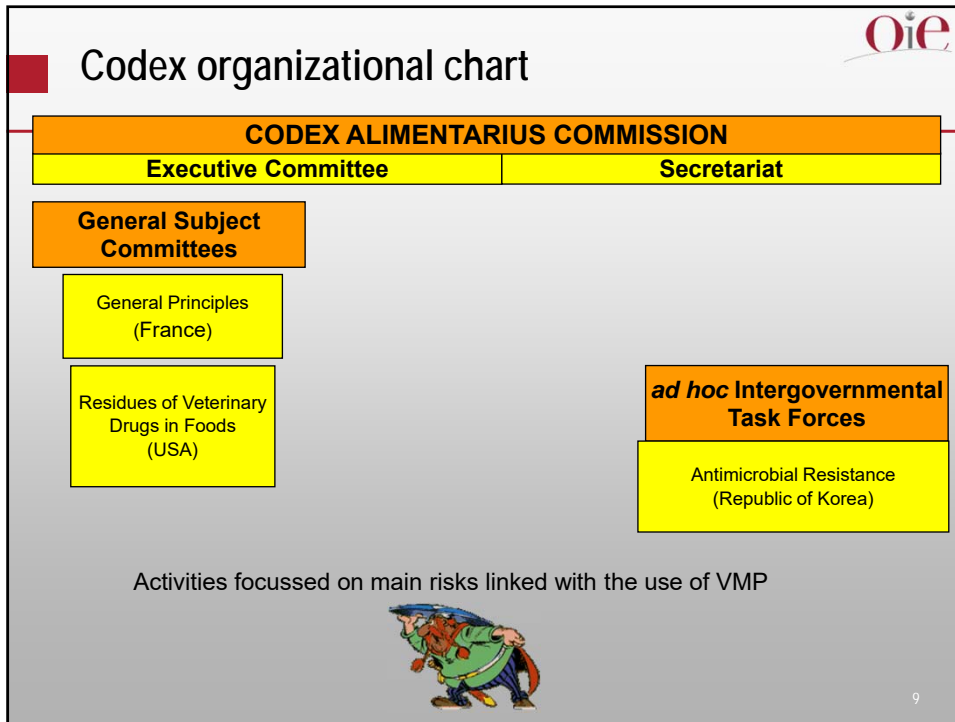
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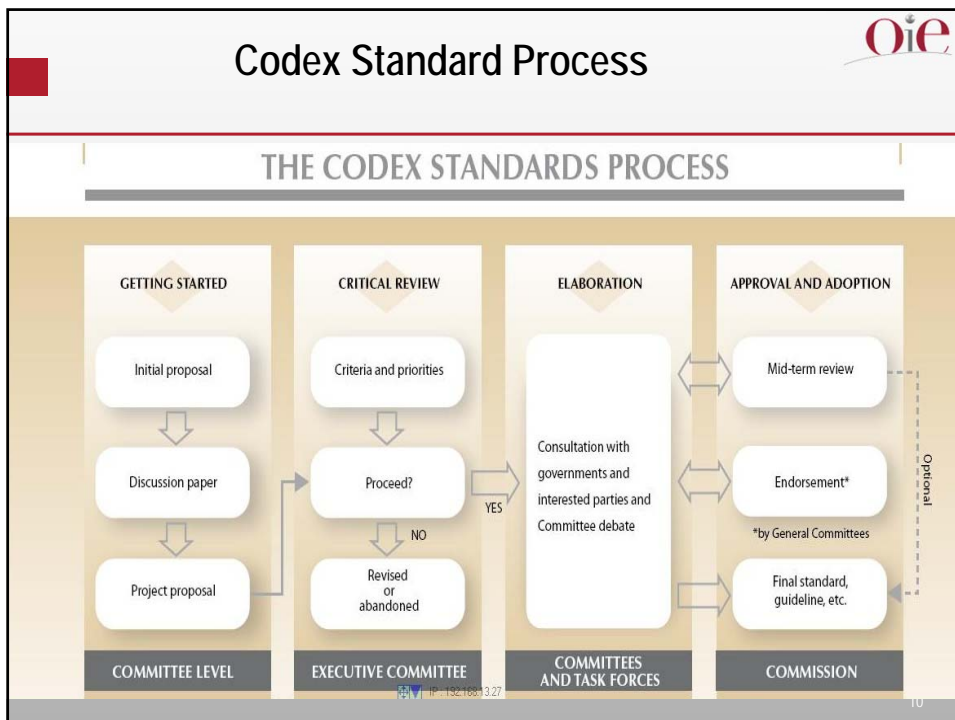
Codex organizational chart



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Codex Alimentarius Procedure



- Preparation and discussion at Committee level
- Step 1 : Review by Executive Committee
- Step 2 : Circulation to the member
- Step 3 : Comment
- Step 4 : review of the draft at committee level new draft
- Step 5 : Commission agrees that draft should go to finalisation (or final adoption step 5/8)
- Step 6 and 7 : comment by members and submission to the Commission for adoption
- Step 8 : final comments – adoption by the Commission – Publication by Codex Secretariat

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COLLABORATION BETWEEN



- World Organisation for Animal Health
- *Organisation mondiale de la santé animale*

AND

FAO/WHO Food Standards

CODEX alimentarius



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Collaboration between OIE and Codex alimentarius

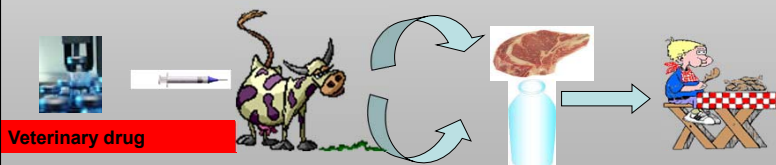


- No formal agreement with Codex
- Separate Agreement between OIE and FAO and OIE and WHO (2004)
- Current Status of OIE in Codex: Observer
- On going discussion to strengthen the link with Codex (CCGP 26- CX/GP 10/26/8 (development of Joint Codex/OIE Standards)

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CCRVDF


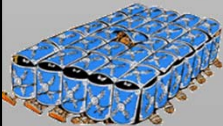


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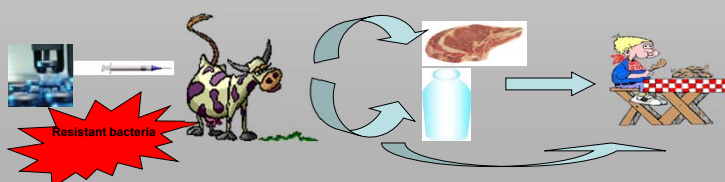
CCRVDf	
FAO/WHO ID No	CX-730
Acronym	CCRVDf
Document Reference	CX/RVDF
Name	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
Terms of Reference	(a) to determine priorities for the consideration of residues of veterinary drugs in foods; (b) to recommend maximum levels of such substances; MRL (c) to develop codes of practice as may be required; and, (d) to consider methods of sampling and analysis for the determination of veterinary drug residues in foods.
Status	Active
Host Government	United States of America

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JECFA RISK ASSESSMENT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) : international expert scientific committee. Since 1956, initially to evaluate the safety of food additives, now also evaluation of contaminants and residues of veterinary drugs in food. • Has evaluated more than 1500 food additives, 40 contaminants and residues of approximately 90 veterinary drugs. • Has also developed principles for the safety assessment of chemicals in food • Take account of recent developments in toxicology and other relevant scientific areas such as microbiology, biotechnology, exposure assessment, food chemistry • Meets twice a year agendas covering either (i) food additives, or (ii) residues of veterinary drugs in food.
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Antimicrobial resistance activities



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Codex task Force

<http://codextfamr.kfda.go.kr>

The 1st Session of the *Ad Hoc*
Codex Intergovernmental Task Force
on Antimicrobial Resistance

October 23 (Tue) - 26 (Fri), 2007
Imperial Palace Hotel, Seoul, Korea



Ad Hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force
on Antimicrobial Resistance

Objectives :

- develop science-based guidance taking account risk analysis principles and relevant standards of FAO, OIE, WHO
- Assess the risk for human health associated with the presence in food and feed or the transmission through food and feed of ABR microorganisms or genes
- Develop appropriate risk management advices

Start in 2007, shall complete its work within four sessions

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Useful links

- **UNDERSTANDING THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS**

- ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/Publications/understanding/Understanding_EN.pdf

- **Procedure manual**

- ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/Publications/ProcManuals/Manual_18e.pdf

- **Codex alimentarius MRLs**

- <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/vetdrugs/data/vetdrugs/index.html?lang=en>


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CONCLUSION

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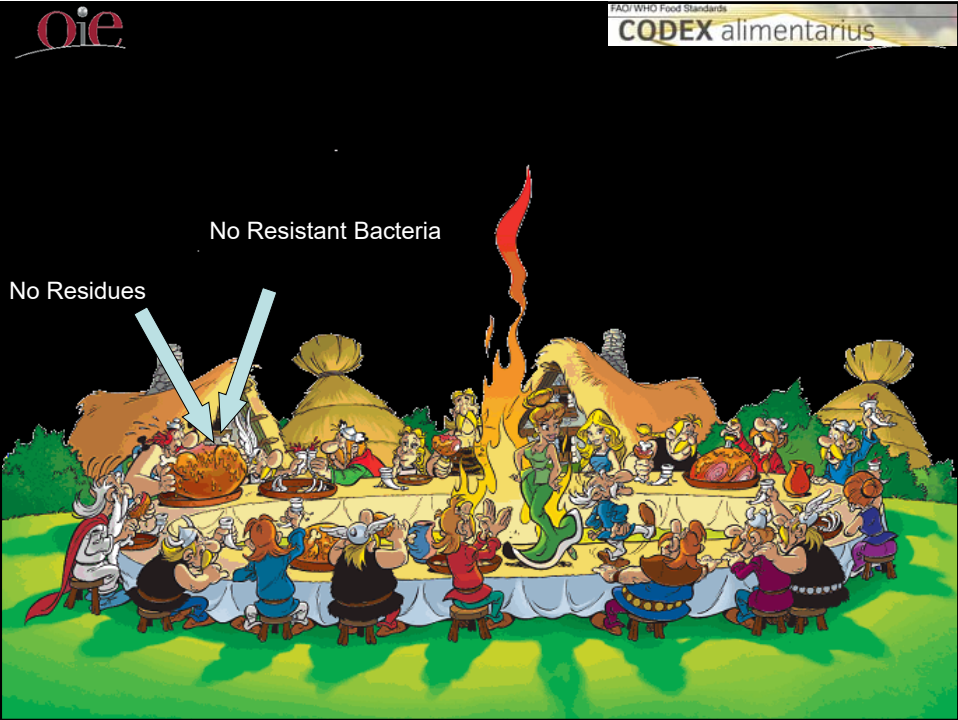


Conclusion

- **International standards are useful tools for countries to be used**
 - **Public health**
 - **International trade**
- **OIE cooperate actively with Codex in the field of Veterinary medicine particularly in CCRVDF and in Codex Task force on antimicrobial resistance**
- **The ongoing cooperation between FAO, WHO, Codex and OIE is essential,**
- **OIE Working Group on Food Safety (created to coordinate and manage the animal production food safety activities) will continue to work for a strengthened cooperation with Codex.**

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