

### *Terms of Reference for the OIE National Focal Point for Veterinary Products*

During the 76<sup>th</sup> General Session in May 2008 the importance of the focal point for information on animal diseases was re-iterated and Delegates were also requested to nominate additional focal points for wildlife, veterinary products, animal production food safety, animal welfare and aquatic animals.

As detailed in the final report of the 76<sup>th</sup> OIE General Session in May 2008, the responsibilities of the focal points are under the authority of the OIE Delegate. Any information transmitted to the OIE from the different focal points needs to be transmitted under the designated authority of the OIE Delegate. This practice would equally apply, if focal points are located in other Departments or Ministries not under jurisdiction of the Veterinary Authority, as from a legal perspective the OIE considers the official OIE Delegate to be the unique representative of the country.

#### *Details on proposed tasks of the national focal point for veterinary products:*

1. to establish a network of veterinary product experts within his country or to communicate with existing networks;
2. to establish and maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority for veterinary products in his country, and to facilitate cooperation and communication among several authorities where responsibility is shared;
3. under the authority of the OIE Delegate of his country, to monitor legislation on and control of veterinary products to ensure that these are in support of OIE international standards, guidelines and recommendations;
4. to act as a contact point with the OIE on matters related to veterinary products;
5. to receive from the OIE Central Bureau information on VICH<sup>1</sup> activities and copies of the reports of the Biological Standards Commission and other relevant reports, should they address discussion points on veterinary products;
6. to conduct, on request, the in-country consultation process with recognised veterinary product experts on draft texts of standards and/or on guidelines and recommendations proposed in those reports; and
7. to prepare comments for the Delegate on each of the relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual OIE Member Country or Territory and/or the region, including comments on the proposals for new or revised OIE standards and guidelines and recommendations related to veterinary products.

---

1 VICH: International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products.