OIE DEFINITIONS RELATED TO VETERINARY PARAPROFESSIONALS (VPP)

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OIE STANDARDS

= Improve animal health and welfare and veterinary public health worldwide
Different actors

- A chain of command, responsibilities and actions

Professionals
(including breeders)

Veterinary Services
(public and private)

Veterinary Authority
Veterinary Services

- **Implement** animal health and welfare and veterinary public health rules/regulations/measures on a territory

- **Placed** under the overall control and direction of Veterinary Authority of Member Countries

- **Comprise** Public or Private sector professionals, including veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals
Veterinary Authority

- **Governmental** authority of a Member Country
- **Applies** OIE Standards into legislation
- **Supervises** their implementation by Veterinary Services
- **Accredits of approves** private sector organisations
- **Also Comprises** veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals
Veterinarian

• **Appropriate education**

• **Registered or licensed** by the relevant veterinary statutory body of a country to practice veterinary medicine/science

• **Official veterinarian** = authorised by the Veterinary Authority for designated official tasks and certification
Veterinary paraprofessional

- **Authorised** by the veterinary statutory body
- **Carry out** certain designated tasks in a territory
- **Dependent** upon the category
- **Under the responsibility** and direction of a veterinarian
- **Tasks for each category** defined by the veterinary statutory body
- **Depending on qualifications** and training
- **In accordance** with need
Veterinary Statutory Body

• Autonomous
• Regulatory
• Body
• For veterinarians
• And veterinary paraprofessionals
Highlights on Veterinary paraprofessionals

1. Person trained
2. Person qualified
3. Tasks depend on qualifications
4. Tasks also depend on country needs
5. Status linked to a specific function
6. In the framework of Veterinary Services missions
7. *Not* “animal handlers” or “reproduction zootechnicians”
Animal handlers

- person with a knowledge of the behaviour and needs of animals
- with appropriate experience and a professional and positive response to an animal’s needs
- can achieve effective management and good welfare
- competence gained through formal training and/or practical experience
- can be a breeder/farmer or farm employee
Conclusion

1. Every (para)professional has a defined role
2. In the framework of the Veterinary Services
3. Under the control of the Veterinary Authority
Thank you for your attention!