Danish experience in the participation in the OIE standard setting process

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The Danish participation in the OIE standard setting process:

• Is done through the EU coordination of common position.

• Is coordinated by a designated person from the Animal Health Division of the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, who coordinate all activities related to the OIE.

• Is based on input from technical experts on the relevant subject.
The purpose of the Coordinator:

• Ensure consistency in the Danish comments:
  – Ensure consistency in the comments on a specific subject over time.
  – Ensure consistency on general issues and approach (incl. between the two Codes)

• Ensure timeliness (deadlines are kept).

• Ensure proper scientific and technical level of the Danish comments.

• Assist the Danish CVO/Delegate.
The process of elaborating comments in Denmark (1):

1. Begins with the reception of the unofficial reports.
2. Coordinator review the report and identify which items/annexes needs to be forwarded to experts for comments.
3. Suggested distribution is approved by the Danish CVO or deputy CVO.
4. Introduction of new experts to the OIE standard setting process:
   • The coordinator usually have specific meetings with the new experts, where they are introduced to the OIE, the Codes and what type of comments are expected (what should be commented (only proposed changes), what level of details are expected in the Code, comments should be scientifically justified, etc.).
5. Experts comments are reviewed by the coordinator to ensure consistency and approved by the CVO or deputy CVO before the written comments are send to the European Commission.
The process of elaborating comments in Denmark (2):

6. Continues with the reception of the draft EU comments from the EC.

7. The coordinator review the draft EU comments and identify which items/annexes needs to be forwarded to experts for additional comments.

8. The coordinator participates in the Commission/Council working group meetings.

9. The CVO and deputy CVO is informed by the coordinator about outstanding issues (items/annexes not agreed upon) prior to the CVO meeting. The coordinator participates in the CVO-meeting if needed.
The process of elaborating comments in Denmark (3):

- Prior to the annual General Session, the CVO identify which Community speaking positions he would like to present and agrees with the other EU27 CVO’s on the distributions of the speaking position.
- The coordinator participates in the General Session in order to assist the CVO.
Conclusion and recommendations:

• With scientifically justified comment it is definitely possible to influence the OIE standards.

• Having a designated national OIE-coordinator will help the CVO in the elaboration of such comments and be able to improve influence of the country in the standard setting process.

• International coordination, which produce joint comments and common positions on changes of the Codes, increase the national influence on the OIE standards.