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Update on the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to the International Organization for Standardization Working Group 16

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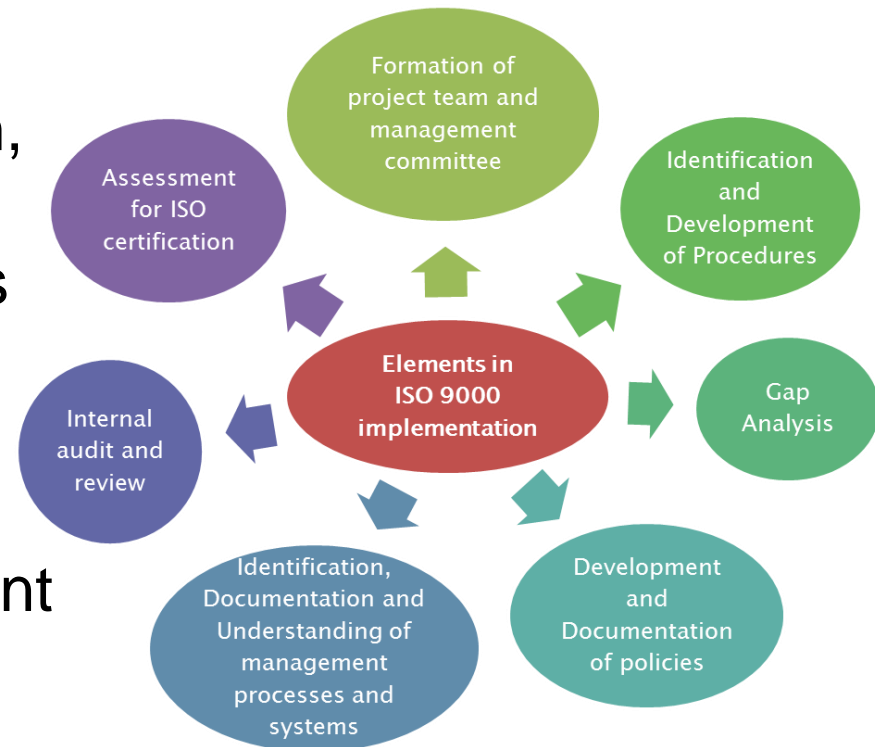
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

- Founded in 1947
- Private organization that develops voluntary international standards
- Participants are called national standards bodies or member bodies
 - One member per country, which can be a government or private organization.
 - 164 countries participate



ISO Standards

- Develop standards for activities such as agriculture, construction, mechanical engineering, information and communications technology
- Popular ISO Standards
 - ISO 9000 – Quality Management
 - ISO 26000 – Social Responsibility
 - ISO 22000 – Food Safety Management



OIE and ISO

- ISO – OIE Memorandum of Understanding
 - OIE is the World Animal Health Organization
 - MOU allows ISO to aid in implementation of OIE animal health and welfare standards
 - OIE Animal Welfare Standards

All Species	Production System by Species
General Principles	Beef Cattle
Slaughter	Dairy Cattle
Transport (Air, Land, Sea)	Broiler Chickens
	Working Equids

- Swine Production System – next

US Technical Advisory Group (U.S. TAG)

- Administrated by the American Oil Chemists Society (AOCS)
 - Reports to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the US representative at ISO
- USDA chairs the U.S. TAG
- 60+ voting members representing a variety of stakeholders
- Work to achieve consensus for a U.S. TAG position

ISO Structure

ISO Committee Structure

ISO

Technical Committee 34 (TC 34)-
Food Products

Working Group 16: Food Animal
Welfare (WG 16)

Participation in ISO

ISO

ANSI- Member Body
Represents the U.S.

AOCS- ANSI Administrator
for the U.S. to TC 34 and
Associated TAGs

U.S. TAG- Experts contributing to
SC's and WG's in TC 34

TS Intent

- Scope is to implement OIE code on animal welfare, not develop new guidelines
- Key component – development of an animal welfare plan
- Plan must meet, at least, the OIE code to be ISO compliant
- Plan can incorporate other private standards and codes of practice, as long as they meet OIE code

Timeline

- **Initial Work Begins (2012-2104)**
 - Established in late 2012
 - New Work Item Proposal (NWIP) adopted in 2014

- **Drafting of Technical Specification (2014-2105)**
 - Final product was a technical specification (TS)
 - Drafting Group created to write the initial ISO TS 34700
 - USDA is member of drafting group

Timeline

- **Vote on Draft TS (February – May 2016)**
 - Ballot sent to TC 34
 - TC 34 voted to approve TS

- **Finalize TS (July –September 2016)**
 - TC 34 met to discuss next steps on TS
 - WG to meet to finalize document based on comments from TC34 vote

TS 34700 Overview

Forward

Background on ISO and ISO standards.

Introduction

The purpose of the Technical Specification is to ensure the welfare of animals raised for food or feed production around the world through the following objectives:

- to provide a management tool for the implementation of the animal welfare principles of the OIE TAHC,
- to provide guidance for the implementation of public or private standards and relevant legislation that meet at least the OIE TAHC, and
- to facilitate the integration of animal welfare principles in business-to-business relations.

TS 34700 Overview

1. Scope

Application of standard.

2. Normative References

Use the appendix and referenced documents.

3. Terms/Definitions

Defines such terms as animal based measures and resource based measures.

4. Main Principles in Developing Animal Welfare Plan

Outlines the environment (e.g., management commitment, identification of animal welfare managers, etc.) the organization developing the plan must create and the documentation and records that must be maintained.

TS 34700 Overview

5. Developing the animal welfare plan

Provides the steps including:

- identification of gaps,
- relevant documents,
- methodology of identification of gaps,
- plan drafting,
- implementation of the plan, and
- evaluation and review

Appendix

An informative section that provides guidance of determining thresholds for animal based measures where there are no explicit outcome-based threshold established or principle to determine the threshold by the OIE TAHC.

Result of TC 34 Vote

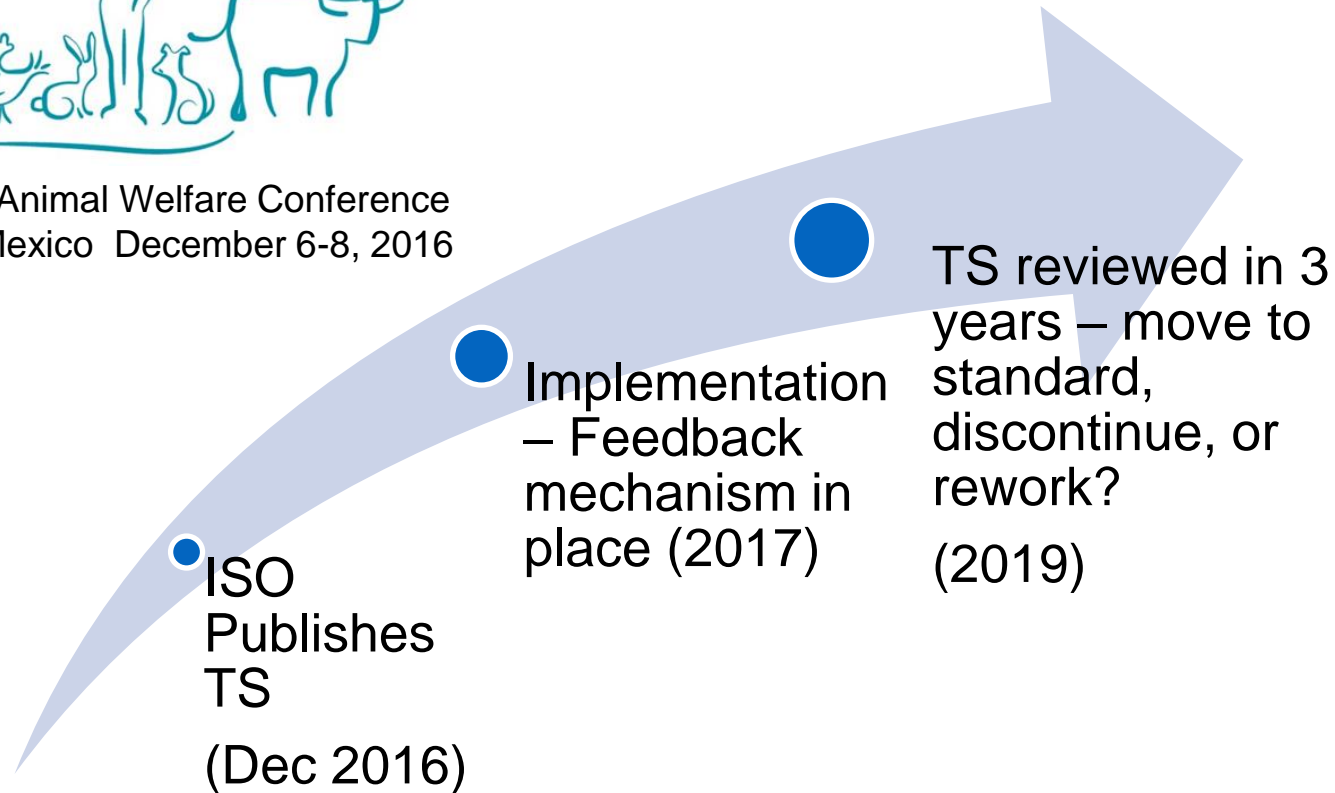
Participating members of the ISO TC 34		77	
Votes cast		70	91% of the voting members
	Approve	42	93% of the negative and positive votes
	Disapprove	3	7% of the negative and positive votes
	Abstain	25	32% of the voting members*

**ISO considers abstain votes as non-votes, not considered in the % of votes. Countries were able to submit comments on TS along with the vote.*

Next Steps



4th OIE Global Animal Welfare Conference
Guadalajara, Mexico December 6-8, 2016



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Thank you!



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