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# International Standard Setting

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APHIS is the primary U.S. agency in charge of animal and plant health issues associated with trade. We work with U.S. trading partners to make sure that trade follows science-based international standards. These standards support free, consistent global trade while protecting U.S. agricultural health.

## [Animal Health Standards](#)

The Veterinary Services Deputy Administrator, also known as the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), is the U.S. Delegate to the [World Organisation for Animal Health](#) (WOAH). The CVO manages U.S. animal health standard-setting activities and coordinates U.S. comments on animal health standards proposed for adoption.

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