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Facilitating the use of the OIE standards for the transport of animals by sea and by land

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Implementation approaches for the OIE Animal Welfare Standards

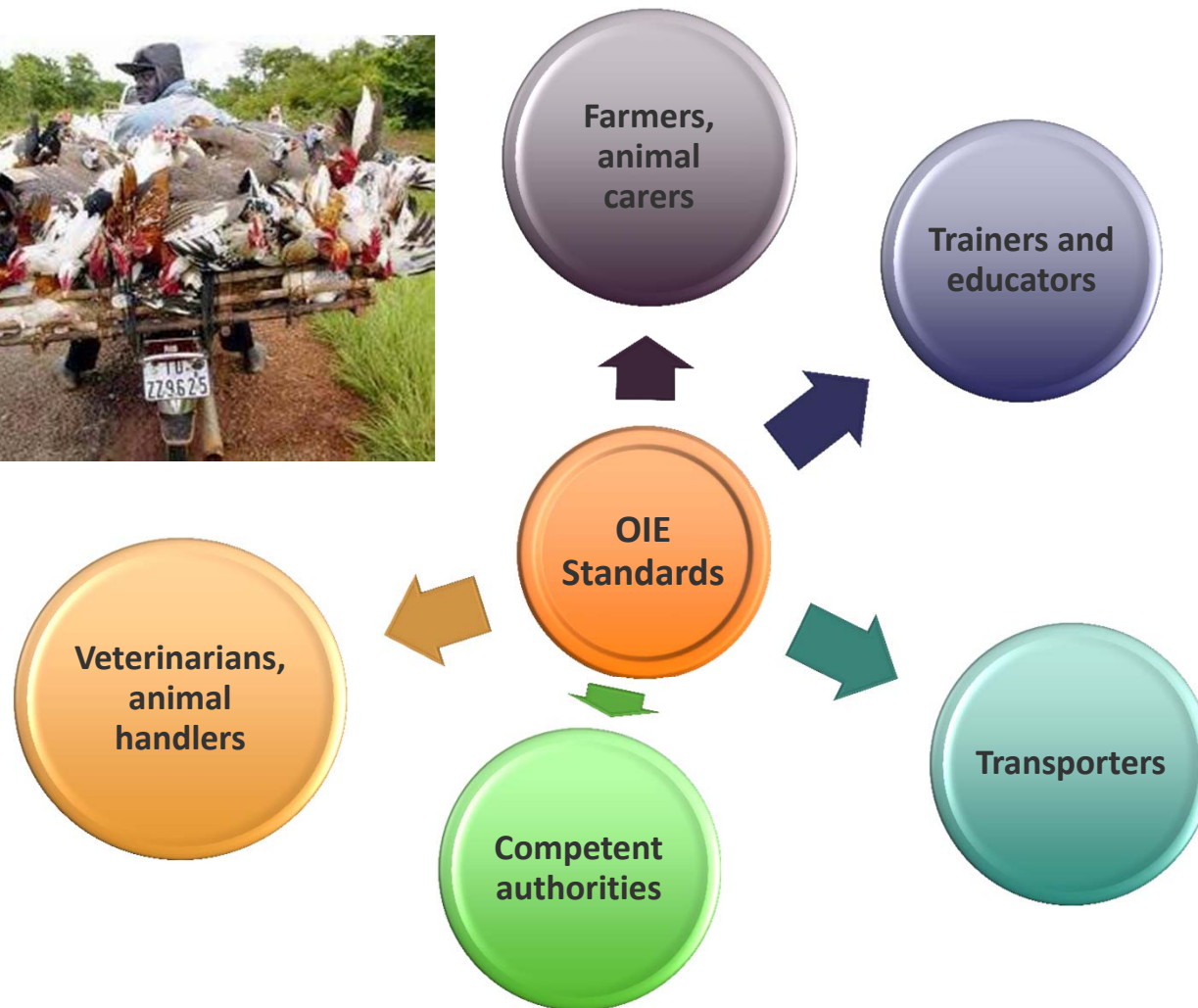
OIE Members and participants made important recommendations at the OIE 2nd Global Conference, Cairo, October 2008

OIE members were asked to implement animal welfare standards and:

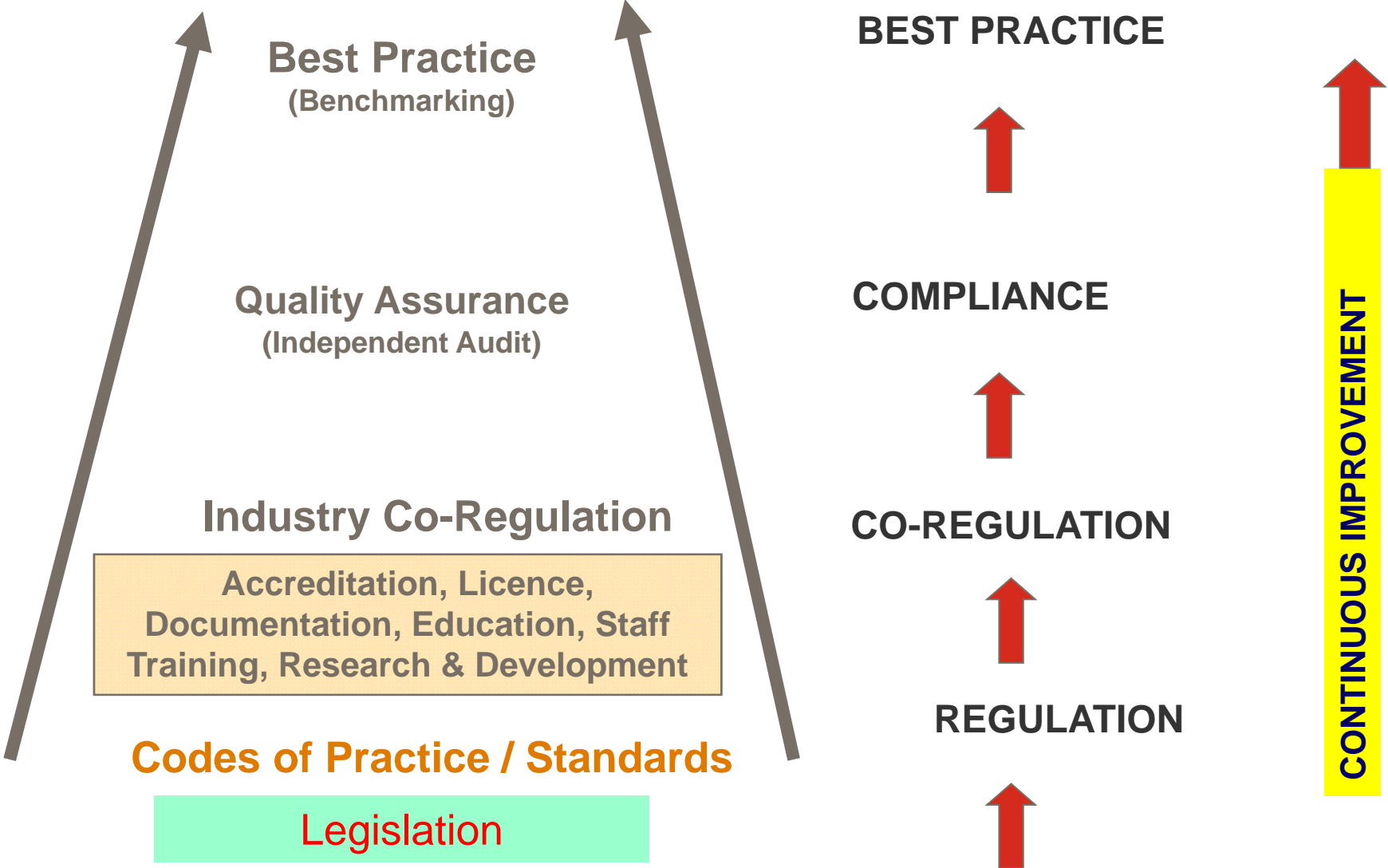
- Create/update animal welfare legislation.
- Develop education and training programs and animal welfare scientific research.
- Nominate focal points.
- Support the development of regional animal welfare strategies.



Who should be using OIE transport standards?



Regulation/co-regulation model.....



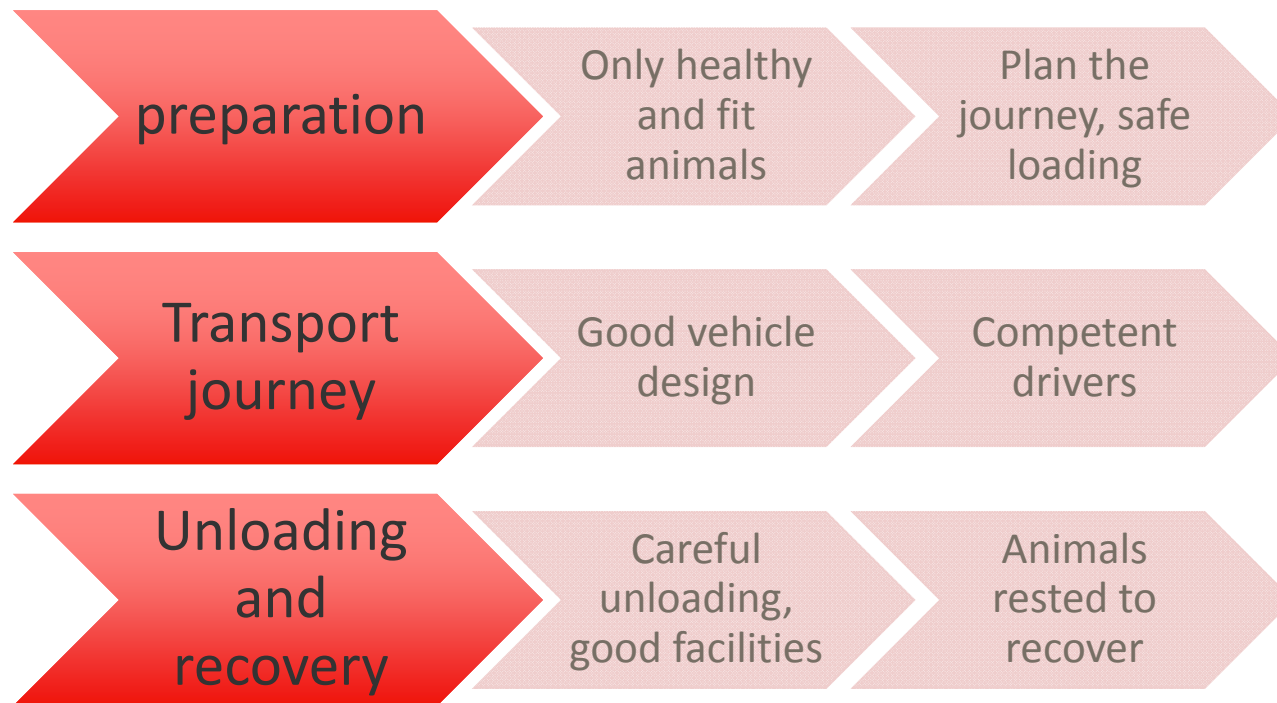
Using OIE Standards for Land Transport of Animals

Land transport poses risks

- Animals are transported by land for a variety of reasons, particularly marketing and trade.
- The use of poorly designed or inappropriate vehicles and bad roads and drivers all pose major risks to animals (*lots of photos in the media showing bad transport*).
- OIE members/governments need to develop their own country standards and laws for transporting animals and ensure that livestock owners and transporters comply with these.



Land Transport considerations.....



Compliance in supply chains.....

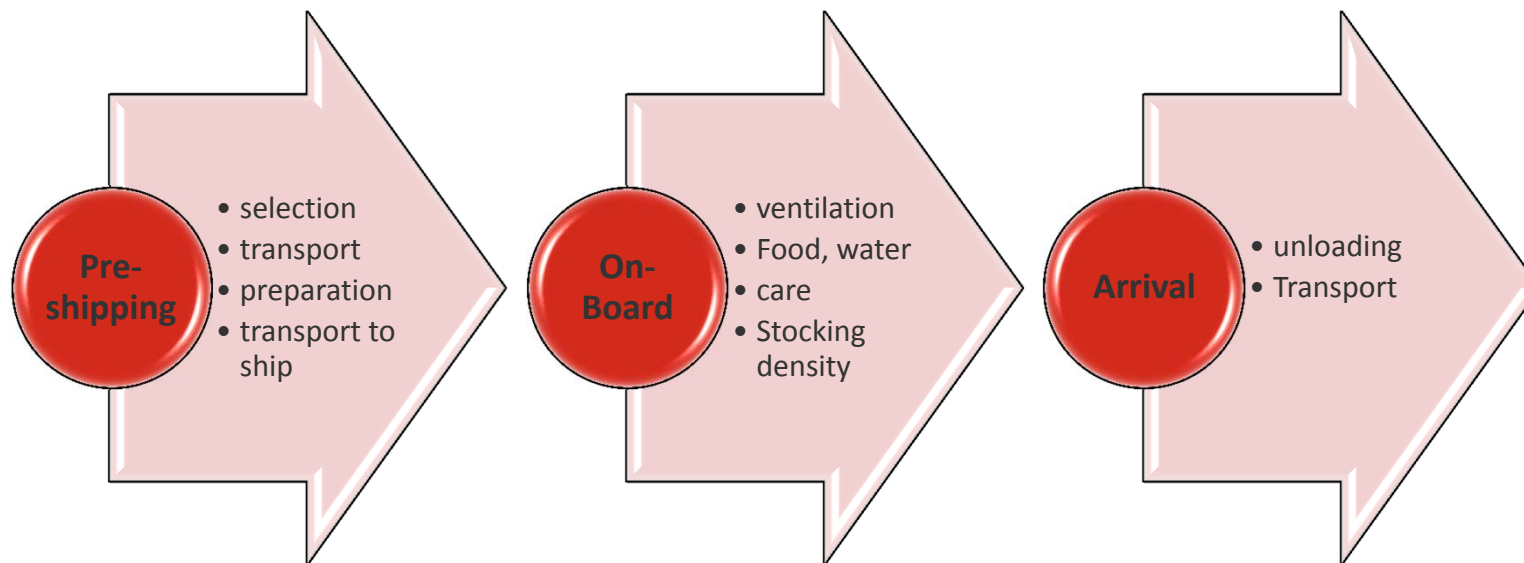
- Inspection of transport consignments must be undertaken and penalties for non-compliance applied as necessary.
- Retailers may also require that animals in particular supply chains be transported according to national standards or be part of a transporter QA program.



Using OIE Standards for the Sea Transport of Animals

Understanding the complexities.....

The sea transport process has multiple risks that must be managed – only healthy and fit animals must be selected and loaded



Dealing with emergencies.....



The Danny F II was transporting around 43,000 sheep from Uruguay to Tartours in Syria when it sunk in stormy weather off Lebanon.

‘Rescue workers combed the stormy waters off Lebanon on Friday after a cargo ship capsized, killing at least nine crewmembers and leaving dozens missing’.



We need to raise awareness.....

Education and training is required to highlight unacceptable practices and that penalties for cruelty can apply



Mechanisms to use and enforce OIE Standards



Laws, regulation



Education and Training



Co-regulation, retailer requirements



THANK YOU



'Water taxi' for kangaroos rescued from flood waters in Australia