

T-4.3 Adopted Policy on Veterinary Involvement in the Restructuring of Public Health Services

Projects or actions aimed at the restructuring of public health services should consider that veterinarians with expertise in veterinary public health and hygiene are able to fulfil important services in areas of food hygiene and safety.

Background

Food hygiene and safety is a critical component of public health.

Veterinarians have professional expertise and skills in the field of food hygiene and safety.

Food hygiene and safety are an integral component of veterinary education.

An important pre-requisite for human health is the implementation of food safety and food hygiene measures.

Food hygiene and safety is an important component of the “stable to table” continuum which encompasses good animal health and the prudent use of anti-microbials and other veterinary drugs.