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## **Title TRADE IN GOODS**

### **Chapter X**

#### **Cooperation in Animal Welfare and Anti-Microbial Resistance**

##### **Article XXX: Objectives**

The objectives of this section are to provide a framework for dialogue and cooperation with a view to enhancing the protection and welfare of animals and reaching a common understanding concerning animal welfare standards and to strengthen the fight against the development of anti-microbial resistance

##### **Article XX.: Animal Welfare**

1. The Parties recognise that animals are sentient beings.
2. The Parties recognise the value of the OIE animal welfare standards, and shall endeavour to improve their implementation while respecting their right to determine the level of their science-based measures on the basis of OIE animal welfare standards.
3. The Parties undertake to cooperate in international fora with the aim to promote the further development of good animal welfare practices and their implementation. The Parties recognise the value of increased research collaboration in the area of animal welfare.

##### **Article XX: Combat Anti-Microbial Resistance**

1. The Parties recognise that anti-microbial resistance is a serious threat to human and animal health. Misuse of anti-microbials in animal production, including non-therapeutic use, can contribute to anti-microbial resistance that may represent a risk to human. The Parties recognise that the nature of the threat requires a transnational and 'One Health' approach.
2. The Parties shall cooperate to reduce the use of anti-microbials in animal production and to ban their use as growth promoters with the aim to combat anti-microbial resistance in line with the 'One Health' approach.
3. The Parties shall cooperate in and follow existing and future guidelines, standards, recommendations and actions developed in relevant international organisations, initiatives and national plans aiming to promote the prudent and responsible use of anti-microbials in animal husbandry and veterinary practices.
4. The Parties shall promote the collaboration in all the multilateral fora, in particular with the international standard setting bodies.

**Article XX: Joint working group on animal welfare and combatting anti-microbial resistance**

The Parties undertake to exchange information, expertise and experiences in the field of animal welfare and combat anti-microbial resistance with the aim to implement articles XX and XX. To this end, the Parties shall establish a joint working group on animal welfare and combatting anti-microbial resistance which shall, as appropriate, share information with the SPS Committee. By agreement of the Parties, the working group created may invite experts for specific activities.

**Article XX: Non-Application of Dispute Settlement**

No Party shall have recourse to dispute settlement under Chapter XX for any matter arising under this Chapter.