Experience of a country in implementing OIE animal welfare standards – New Zealand

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• Safeguarding our Animals, Safeguarding our Reputation compliance plan
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- Dairy cattle
- Horses
- Wildlife – zoos?
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- Global Animal Welfare Strategy
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Challenges in implementing OIE standards

- ‘Good practice’
- ‘Available technology’
- ‘Minimum necessary to meet the purposes of the Act’
- Cultural and religious allowances
- Changes over time
- Areas not covered by OIE
Summary and conclusions

• New Zealand animal welfare standards align with OIE recommendations
• Review to keep NZ standards current
• Review OIE recommendations too (member engagement with OIE and region)
• Shared governance to support compliance
• Work to the RAWS