The Observatory: Monitoring the implementation of OIE standards
Legislation is the foundation for taking appropriate regulatory action and for ensuring that compulsory and sustainable policy objectives are put into operation in a timely manner. AMR-Lex, a subsidiary of FAOLEX, facilitates access to all legislation that has an impact on or is relevant to antimicrobial resistance (AMR), across all sectors and regulatory areas.

AMR-Lex provides access to some 27,000 legislative and policy documents from around the world. This information is organised into three clusters, each composed of several domains and regulatory areas:

- regulation of antimicrobials (veterinary medicinal products, medicated feed, pesticides)
- antimicrobial contamination in food and the environment (food safety, soil, waste, water)
- preventative regulatory frameworks (animal health and production, plant health).

It is a subset database of FAOLEX, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations’ (FAO’s) comprehensive and up-to-date online repository of regional, bilateral and national laws, regulations, policies and agreements on food, agriculture and natural resources management.

Together with AMR-Lex, and with the support of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), FAO has developed a methodology to analyse AMR-relevant legislation in the food and agriculture sector. This methodology examines the relevant regulatory areas for AMR and can help to assess the compatibility of national and regional legal instruments with international standards and good practices. The methodology has been piloted in more than 20 countries and regional organisations [1].

As a next step, the Tripartite Organisations (FAO, OIE and WHO) will work on the development of a One Health methodology that takes into full consideration human, animal and environmental sectors.

**FAOLEX Database**

**FAO Antimicrobial Resistance Portal**

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**SUMMARY**

AMR–Lex is a global database of legislation and policies impacting antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial use within agrifood systems.
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