

## TIP SHEET: KEY CHANGES TO IFC'S 2006 GOOD PRACTICE NOTE ON ANIMAL WELFARE AND SUMMARY OF OUTREACH

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### SUMMARY

[Improving Animal Welfare in Livestock Operations](#) is part of a series of Good Practice Notes<sup>1</sup> developed by the Environment, Social and Governance (CRKESG) Department of IFC, and is a joint initiative with IFC's Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services (MAS) Department. The 2014 edition is a revised version of a Good Practice Note on the same topic published in 2006. This Tip Sheet outlines key substantive changes reflected in the 2014 edition and summarizes consultation and outreach conducted as part of the update.

### KEY CHANGES REFLECTED IN THE 2014 EDITION OF IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE IN LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS

- Regarding housing systems, added reference to the international trend from sow stall use towards group housing systems in the four-week period after mating (page 16)
- Expanded the Business Case section to include information on disease prevention and management; meat quality; demand from consumers, civil society; and shareholder activism related to animal welfare (pages 9-11)
- Added a section of IFC's Approach to Animal Welfare to clarify IFC's approach to due diligence – at appraisal and during supervision – and IFC's reliance on OIE standards as the basis of its due diligence and potential recommendations to client for improving animal welfare management practices (pages 21-23),
- Added reference to the 2012 Performance Standards, in particular Performance Standard 6, which states, "Clients who are engaged in the primary production of living natural resources, including ... animal husbandry ... will be required to implement sustainable management practices of such primary production to one or more relevant and credible standards as demonstrated by independent verification or certification." (page 21)

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## CONSULTATION AND OUTREACH TO STRENGTHEN THE 2014 EDITION

IFC commissioned the International Animal Welfare Consultants Limited to prepare an initial draft of the Good Practice Note in 2006 and to update the Note in 2014. Many international and regional organizations were invited to share comments on drafts of the updated Good Practice Note. The following list summarizes those organizations that submitted comments to this edition as part of the peer review and public comment process:

- Atradius Dutch State Business – Export Credit Agency;
- COFIDES;
- Commonwealth Veterinary Association;
- Compassion in World Farming;
- Euler Hermes Deutschland AG;
- FOUR PAWS International;
- German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ);
- Humane Society of the United States;
- Humane Society International;
- International Dairy Federation;
- International Society for Applied Ethology;
- Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs;
- Pan Africa Animal Welfare Alliance;
- Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;
- United States National Pork Board;
- World Organisation for Animal Health;
- World Animal Protection (previously World Society for the Protection of Animals);
- World Veterinary Association,
- Advisors to the World Bank Executive Directors for Germany, the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, and the United States, and
- the United Kingdom Department for International Development-World Bank Team.

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
October 2013	IFC commissioned International Animal Welfare Consultants (IAWC) Limited to update the 2006 GPN in light of developments in animal welfare policy and practice during the last seven years, especially those relating to intensive livestock production systems for pigs and poultry. IAWC prepared the initial draft of the 2006 GPN. IAWC solicited input from 24 organizations through two rounds of invitation letters.
8 April -8 May, 2014 (Public comment period)	Draft was posted on IFC's external website for public review. Targeted emails to solicit comments were sent to almost 500 non-governmental organizations, client companies, and development finance institutions, including to World Bank Executive Director Advisors. Written comments were received from 13 organizations.
8 April -8 May, 2014 (Social Media outreach)	Messages about the public comment period were posted to the Linked In account for IFC's Environment, Social and Corporate Governance Department and to animal welfare-related groups, including Livestock Health, Animal Health and Welfare Economics, Pig Farming, Global Food Safety Initiative, GLOBALGAP: Food Safety and Sustainability, Sustainable Agriculture, E-Agriculture, Global Dairy Markets. Messages also sent via IFC Corporate Twitter Account and announced on IFC Sustainability Publications Website.
June 18, 2014	IFC Meeting with World Bank ED Advisors (including the Netherlands) to brief about the development of the revised GPN
June–August 2014	International Animal Welfare Consultants Limited incorporates final comments in revised draft
August 2014	Briefing to UK ED Advisor on the revision to the GPN
October 2014	Briefing to German delegation from the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) on the revision to the GPN

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