Introduction

Lebanon is located in the Near East region at the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea

- Total land area: 10452 Km²
- Population: 4 million

- Services sector: >75% of the GDP
- Industrial sector: 12%
- Agriculture sector: 12%
Livestock sector

- 28% of the total agriculture production
- 80% of red meat is imported
- 70% of the dairy products are imported
- Self sufficiency in poultry production
  - Export of meat and poultry products
  - Export of some dairy products (recently)
Competencies of the Ministry of Agriculture -Animal Resources Directorate-

- Elaboration of regulations
- Control at farm level
- Control of Animal feed industry
- Surveillance and control of animal diseases
- Registration and control of veterinary drugs
- Control of establishments
- Control of slaughterhouses
- Control of zoonosis in collaboration with the MOH
Competencies of the MOA -Animal Resources Directorate- (continue)

- Contributing to the establishment of food norms and standards
- Inspection of food industry and food of animal origin in the market
- Laying down the conditions for sanitary approval of establishments
- Control at borders check points:
  - Animals and products of animal origin
    - Physical and documentary inspection
    - Sample analysis
Sanitary Approval of Establishments and Certification Procedures

- Products for the local market
  - Compliance with the relevant GMP and GHP
  - Conformity to mandatory norms and standards
  - Sanitary registration of industries

- Approval number: AA BBB 999 LB
Sanitary Approval of Establishments and Certification Procedures (cont.)

- Exported products
  - Approval for the local market

- Respect the standards of the importing countries

- Issuing of Health Certificates - based on OIE standards and Codex standards and guidelines where relevant.
Other Institutions

- Ministries
  - Ministry of Public Health
  - Ministry of Economy and Trade

- Municipalities

- Lebanese Establishment for Norms and Standards

- Laboratories
  - Agriculture Research Institute Laboratory
  - Industrial Research Institute
  - National Center for Scientific Research
Laws and Regulations

- Consumer Protection Law- 2005

- Technical regulations in harmonisation with OIE and codex standards
  - A new Law for Veterinary Quarantine
  - A draft law on Food Safety

Under discussion in the Lebanese parliament.
Perspectives and Conclusion

- Develop and implement a Traceability system.

- Conduct National Surveillance Programmes for residues and contaminants.

- Update concerned regulations - based on OIE and Codex standards.

- Improvement of inspection and control procedures for local and imported food products.

- Better coordination among all responsible authorities.
THANK YOU