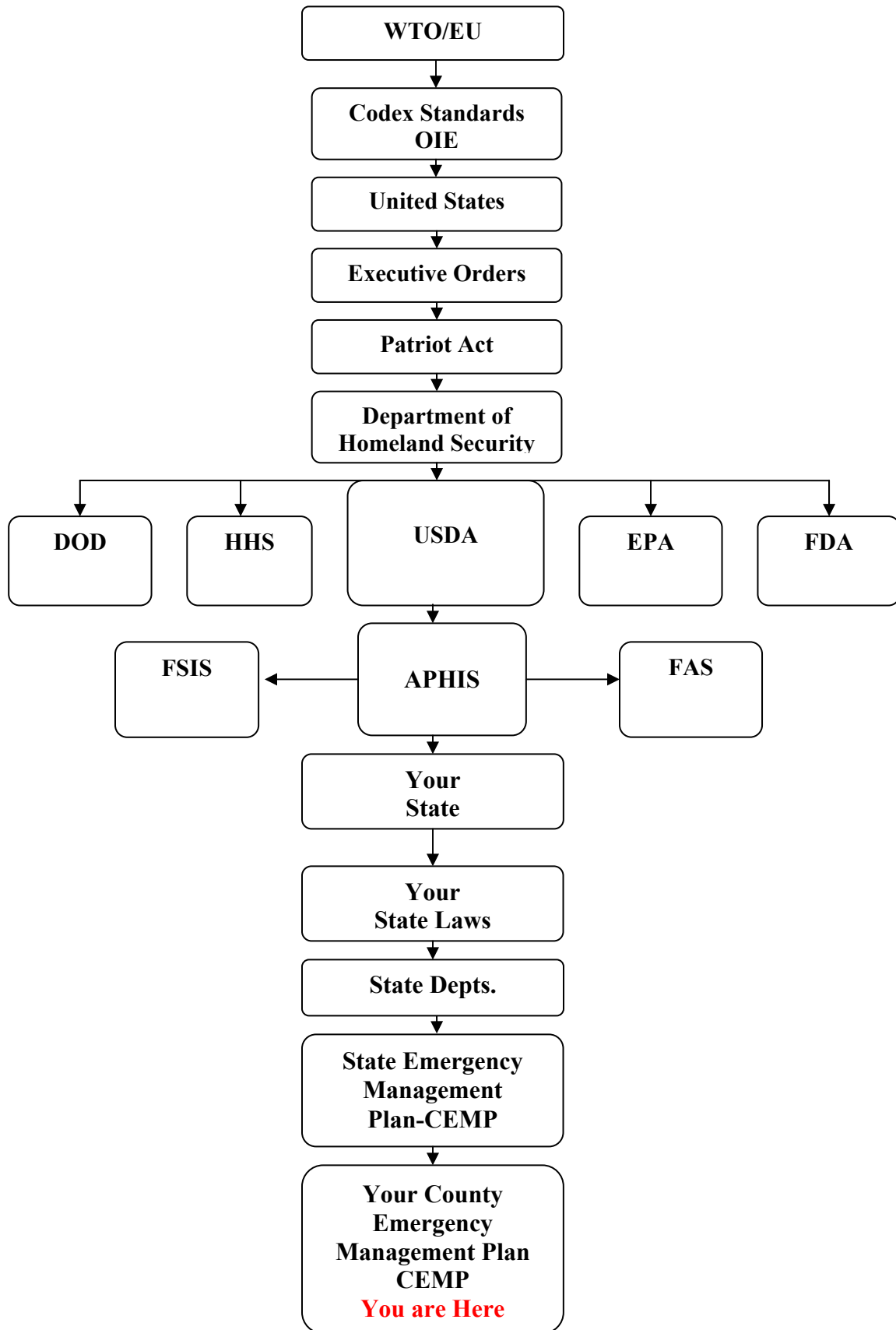


**Flow Chart  
Chain of Command  
NAIS**



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**WTO-World Trade Organization**, under the auspices of the United Nations, Treaties Signed 2005  
**EU-European Union**

**Codex**-The Codex Alimentarius Commission was created in 1963 by FAO and WHO to develop food standards, guidelines and related texts such as codes of practice under the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme. The main purposes of this Programme are protecting health of the consumers and ensuring fair trade practices in the food trade, and promoting coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

[http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/index\\_en.jsp](http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/index_en.jsp)

**OIE-World Office of Animal Health**, under United Nations

**United States enters into treaties with United Nations.** The President is responsible for ensuring treaties are implemented into American law.

**President issues Executive Orders**- America has issued Executive Orders since around the time of George Washington in 1789. There is no provision or statute in our Constitution for these orders except a veiled section in Article II, Section I of the Constitution on executive power and direction "that the laws be faithfully executed" in Article II, Section 3. Executive Orders are legally binding. Executive Orders do not require Congressional approval but have the same legal weight as laws passed by Congress. Executive Orders are controversial because they allow the President to make major decisions and law, without the consent of Congress. The very concept of these Executive Orders runs against the premise of the Constitution, whose essence is that no one should have power to act unilaterally. It must be emphasized that these are *unconstitutional acts* which allow a President to circumvent the will and constraint of Congress. Hitler used such orders throughout the 1930's when he amassed his power as dictator.

Farms and animals were included in Executive Order 10998 enacted by President Kennedy.

<http://www.disastercenter.com/laworder/10998.htm>

Under the watch of President Clinton all federal agencies were combined into one consolidated unit in time of emergency or war. After 9-11 these Executive Orders subtly became invoked. This was in so that should an emergency arise continuity of government would be retained. Executive Order 11921

[www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/eo-11921.htm](http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/eo-11921.htm)

**Patriot Act**-As a result of the 9-11 attack the Patriot Act was enacted for the security of the United States.

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d107:h.r.03162>:

**Department of Homeland Security** was created to manage the security of our nation. It was formerly known as FEMA an all hazards agency, Homeland Security focus's primarily on the national security.

<http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>

**USDA-United States Dept. of Agriculture**-responsible for our nation's food and animal safety was transferred to Dept. of Homeland Security in 2003.

[www.usda.gov/](http://www.usda.gov/), [www.gao.gov/new.items/d05214.pdf](http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d05214.pdf)

**APHIS**-"Protecting American agriculture" is the basic charge of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). APHIS provides leadership in ensuring the health and care of animals and plants. The agency improves agricultural productivity and competitiveness and contributes to the national economy and the public health. <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>

**FSIS-** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is the public health agency in the U.S. Department of Agriculture responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged.

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About\\_FSIS/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_FSIS/index.asp)

**FAS-Foreign Agricultural Service-** The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works to improve foreign market access for U.S. products, build new markets, improve the competitive position of U.S. agriculture in the global marketplace, and provide food aid and technical assistance to foreign countries. FAS has the primary responsibility for USDA's international activities—market development, trade agreements and negotiations, and the collection and analysis of statistics and market information.

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/aboutfas.asp>

**Your state operates under the three branches of the federal government and all the agencies and sub-agencies.** In some cases the state is free to stand alone and not follow the mandates of federal law but often each individual state must comply with federal standards. This is the case with the bills working their way through each of our states in regard to NAIS. If your state wants federal dollars it must comply with federal standards.

**Laws in your state** often dove-tail and comply with federal law. One should always check legislation in your House and Senate both in the state and on the federal level. Your state is passing new legislation which is more restrictive and more expensive than the current system.

**Each state has its own agencies for example in Washington state agriculture, both plant and animal, come under the Washington State Department of Agriculture.** Your state might have another name for the agency so do a google for your state and agriculture. Your state has existing laws for animal emergencies.

**Each state has an Emergency Plan known as the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).** This plan is all hazards and addresses all emergencies and their protocol. These state plans use the same format, address the same items, definitions and job descriptions as the National Response Plan. To find this plan look up the name of your state and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan or CEMP. The ESF or Emergency Service Function for animals is ESF #25. Your state has existing laws for animal emergencies.

**Each county has an emergency management plan also known as Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).** This plan uses the same template as both your state and federal plans. The ESF or Emergency Service Function for animals is ESF #25 Your county has existing laws for animal emergencies.

**You, the citizen, operate under all these various treaties, government-federal-state-county, and will be affected by different agencies depending on your lifestyle.**

#### Agencies Listed in Flow Chart

**DOD-Department of Defense**

**HHS-Health and Human Services**

**USDA-United States Department of Agriculture**

**EPA-Environmental Protection Agency**

**FDA-Food and Drug Agency**