Summary record of the meeting of the sub-committee on Animal Welfare held on 1 March 1999 in Brussels, adopted 21 September 1999

List of Participants

MEMBERS

Prof. D. Broom, Prof. P. Jensen, Dr. P. Le Neindre, Prof. Dr. J. Hartung, Dr. D. Morton

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COMMISSION

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MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL WELFARE - 1 March 1999

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting of the sub-Committee

The summary record of the meeting of the subcommittee of 16 February 1999 was adopted without amendment.

3. Declarations of interest

No member reported any conflicts of interest relating to the items under discussion

4. Discussion and possible approval of reports of the Sub-Committee

(i) The effects of using Bovine Somatotrophin.

The sub committee completed its detailed examination of the draft report and agreed several changes to the text. The sub committee approved the document which will now go forward to the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare for discussion and possible adoption at its meeting on 10 March 1999.

(ii) Standards for forced ventilation for animal transport vehicles for journeys of more than eight hours for the bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species

The working document was briefly discussed and the general principles were agreed. It was decided to hold a drafting meeting in April to finalise the text in advance of the next sub committee meeting.

The representatives of DGVI also requested that the Committee expand the question addressed in order to include the ventilation requirements on animal transport vehicles while they are stationary e.g. an overnight stop. The subcommittee agreed to examine this issue with a view to possibly including it in the present report.

5. Miscellaneous

(i) Future activities of the Sub-Committee

This point was postponed to the next meeting