Summary record of the meeting of the sub-committee on Animal Welfare held on 21 February 2000 in Brussels adopted 3 March 2000

List of Participants

MEMBERS

Dr. P. Le Neindre (chairman), Prof. D. Broom, Dr. R. Dantzer, Prof. Dr. J. Hartung, Prof. P. Jensen, Prof. M. Verga

APOLOGIES

Dr. D. Morton

COMMISSION

Mr. J. Moynagh, Ms. G. Morosetti

MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL WELFARE

21 February 2000

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting of the subcommittee

The summary record of the meeting of the Sub-committee of 22 November 1999 was adopted.

3. Declarations of interest

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

4. Discussion and possible approval by the Subcommittee of a report on the Welfare of Chickens kept for meat production (broilers).

Rapporteur Prof. P. Jensen

Prof Jensen noted that this report had been discussed previously in a general way in the subcommittee. The working group had now completed its task and had produced comprehensive examination of the topic. He noted that the remit of the group was to cover the welfare of chickens on farm. Therefore aspects such as transport would not be covered but items such as catching prior movement off the farm would be.

Members complemented the working group for having produced a comprehensive document in a short time scale. The Sub-committee examined the draft report in detail and agreed several amendments to the text.

Because of time constrains it was not possible to complete the examination. The members agreed to meet again on 3 March 2000 to finalise this report.

5. Miscellaneous.

