

Summary record of the meeting of the sub-committee on Animal Welfare held on 22 November 1999 in Brussels adopted 21 February 2000

List of Participants

MEMBERS

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

APOLOGIES

Dr. R. Dantzer

COMMISSION

Mr. J. Moynagh, Ms. G. Morosetti

MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL WELFARE

22 November 1999

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 Subcommittee of 21 September 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 of reports of the Sub-Committee

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

Rapporteur Prof. J. Hartung

The Sub committee examined the draft report in detail, agreed several changes to the text as well as to the conclusions and recommendations. The Subcommittee approved the document as amended which will now go forward to the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare for discussion and possible adoption at its meeting on 8 December 1999.

5. Establishment of working groups dealing with welfare of:

1. Fur animals

The members of the Subcommittee discussed the composition of the working group as proposed by Dr. R. Dantzer (Rapporteur). The members agreed to limit the group to a maximum of 7 persons (including the chairperson) and to choose experts with complementing fields of expertise in order to cover different areas and all the fur animal species mentioned in the request of opinion.

2. Fattening cattle

Prof. P. Le Neindre (Rapporteur) discussed with the Subcommittee the definition of fattening cattle in order have a general agreement on the animal types to be focused on by the WG. It was decided that the definition should be broad. The composition of the working group was discussed. It was agreed to finalise the group by correspondence between the Rapporteur and to the members.