

Minutes

Meeting of the sub-group of the EU platform on Animal Welfare – Animal Transport 4-5 September 2019, Grange

This was the fourth meeting of the transport sub-group. Sixteen members of the sub-group, five invited experts and one observer attended the fourth meeting of the transport sub-group in Grange, Ireland on the 4th to 5th September 2019. This sub-group is dedicated to improve the enforcement of EU legislation on animal transport.

Ignacio Carro-Perez gave an update on the status of the working documents of the subgroup and outlined the deadlines for submission of documents for consideration for adoption by the Animal Welfare Platform. Kirsten Vornhagen outlined that documents which are to be included on the agenda for the next Animal Welfare Platform meeting must be circulated to its members 15 calendar days in advance of 7th October 2019. It is planned that the three working group leaders (Sanna Messman, the Netherlands. Antonio Velarde Calvo and UECEBV) will be invited to this meeting to present their papers and the work done.

The following documents were finished (accompanying draft minutes):

- "Advice to the Commission on the co-ordination of actions for journeys to Non EU countries".
- "Proposals for dissemination of information"; "Proposal for an application on live animal transport"; "Five factsheets on extreme temperatures: cattle, sheep, pigs, horses and poultry"; "Research gaps on the topic of animal welfare during transport under extreme temperatures".

Members of the subgroup who, following consultation within their organisations (not independent experts and observer), disagree with the content of these documents¹ should send an email before **5pm (CET) on Friday 13/9/19** indicating the reasons for their disagreement. Any such disagreements will be annexed to the relevant document which will be sent to the members of the Animal Welfare Platform for consideration prior to the meeting on 7 October 2019.

The document "unweaned animals" was not finished, and members (and invited experts) can send comments on the document to ISAE and Antonio Velarde Calvo by **9am (CET) on Tuesday 10/9/19**. Mette Herskin, ISAE/Antonio Velarde Calvo to send the final document to Patricia Purcell (Patricia.PURCELL@ec.europa.eu) by **5pm (CET) on Friday 13/9/19**, and indicate any disagreements and the reasons for any disagreement.

Ignacio Carro Perez thanked all participants for their work over the course of the mandate of the transport sub-group and hoped that there would be a good discussion at the Platform on the documents produced by this subgroup.

¹ Note that the factsheets and the scenario documents, (i.e. "Scenarios/solutions – extreme temperatures"; "Five factsheets on extreme temperatures: cattle, sheep, pigs, horses and poultry"; "Research gaps on the topic of animal welfare during transport under extreme temperatures") serve as examples of the issues which would need to be considered when developing a dissemination strategy or an APP, and no comments are needed on the content of the factsheets.

List of Participants

European Commission: DG Health and Food Safety: Patrick Caruana, Terence Cassidy, Kirsten Vornhagen, Patricia Purcell, and Ignacio Carro Perez.

Member States: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands and Spain.

Business and Professional Organisations: Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the EU (a.v.e.c.), European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB), Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE), European Livestock and Meat Trading Union (U.E.C.B.V.).

Civil Society Organisations: Animals' Angels, Compassion in World Farming, Eurogroup for Animals, VIER PFOTEN International (VIER PFOTEN).

Independent Experts: Evangelia Sossidou,.

Invited Experts: Tea Dronjić, Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety, Michael Marahrens, Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, Germany, Jos Zegers, Vee&Logistiek, the Netherlands, Sonia Marti, (Institut de Recerca i Tecnologies Agroalimentàries) IRTA, Silvia d'Albenzio, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale.

Observer: Adam Drosio, European Agri-Cooperatives (COGECA).