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# Implementation of the AHR in the Netherlands

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# Presentation

- Experiences of NL with the AHR
- Why the Netherlands?
- May be because:
  - Lot of animal health issues
    - FMD, CSF, AI, BT, SBV outbreaks in the last 25 years
    - Q-fever: huge public health issue
  - EU legislation has a large impact on animal husbandry and Dutch live stock industry
  - AHR important for NL



# Livestock in Netherlands

- High density of livestock and herds
- Highly dependent on export to third countries
- Trade in EU
- High level of animal health: important for
  - animal welfare
  - the economy
  - public health





# Animal health policy in Netherlands

- Protection of human and animal health
- Sustainable and profitable livestock industry
- Safe trade: no import/export of animal diseases
- International obligations





## Life before AHR

- National animal health law
- EU Regulations e.g. TSE regulation
- EU Directives implemented in national regulations; e.g. FMD, CSF directives
- Decisions implemented in national regulations; e.g. monitoring H5N1



## Life before AHR in NL

- Additional regulation for protection animal health, public health e.g.:
  - monitoring programmes CSF serology, basic monitoring
  - movement restrictions for e.g. pigs (VVL)
  - Q-fever vaccination



## Life before AHR

- Large number of rules, either EU or national, to protect animal and public health and to facilitate trade and secure the export position
- Many discussions with sectors for decades about need of regulations, administrative burden, level playing field; intensive and good contact with livestock industry
- In general: sectors are satisfied with the current legislation



# The coming of the AHR

- Change from directives and decisions to regulation
- Change in mind set government and sectors
- Change in national legislation





## Introduction

- Eelco Ronteltap
- Veterinarian
- Coordinator animal health team
- Involved in AHR since 2018





## Involvement with the AHR basis text

- 2007 - 2016
- Development of the basic tekst → expert meetings
- Council working groups





## Secondary legislation

- AHR: Framework
- Lots of IAs and DAs needed, some essential
- Involvement in expert groups, working groups and Scopaff
- For example: which diseases to be listed?
- Started after adoption of AHR, still ongoing





## Implementation of the AHR

- Good knowledge of content of all texts needed: AHR, DA, IA and national legislation
- Good knowledge of the need to update the national rules
- Good knowledge of sentiments and wishes in sector/ from stakeholders
- Role of the CA:
  - Work load
  - Administration
  - ...



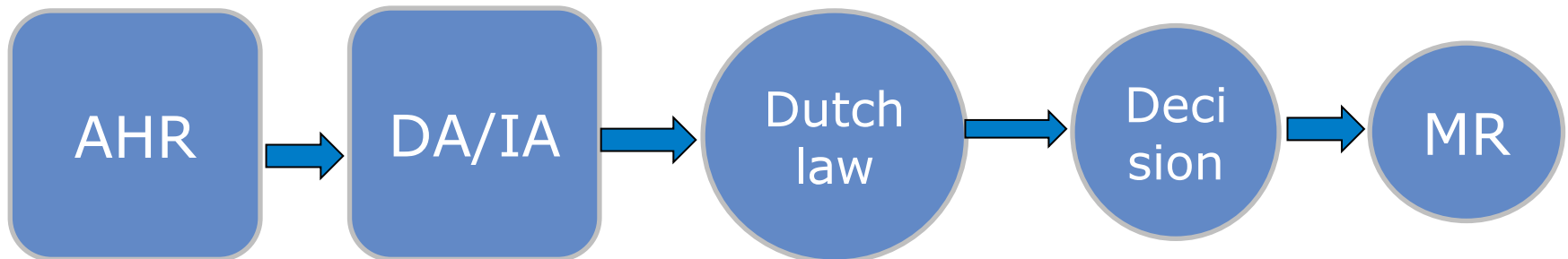
## Dutch approach

- Start in 2016 with establishment of a project group with several colleagues in subgroups.
- Phase 1: input on the IA's and DA's
- Phase 2: amendment of national legislation
- Colleagues at policy level and CA involved
- During both phases: communication to and consultation of stakeholders



## National legislation

- From mostly directives → regulation
- Directive → everything is in national law
- Regulation → what is in the regulation may not be in national legislation
- Effect: At national level, for example rules for one topic could be at 5 levels:

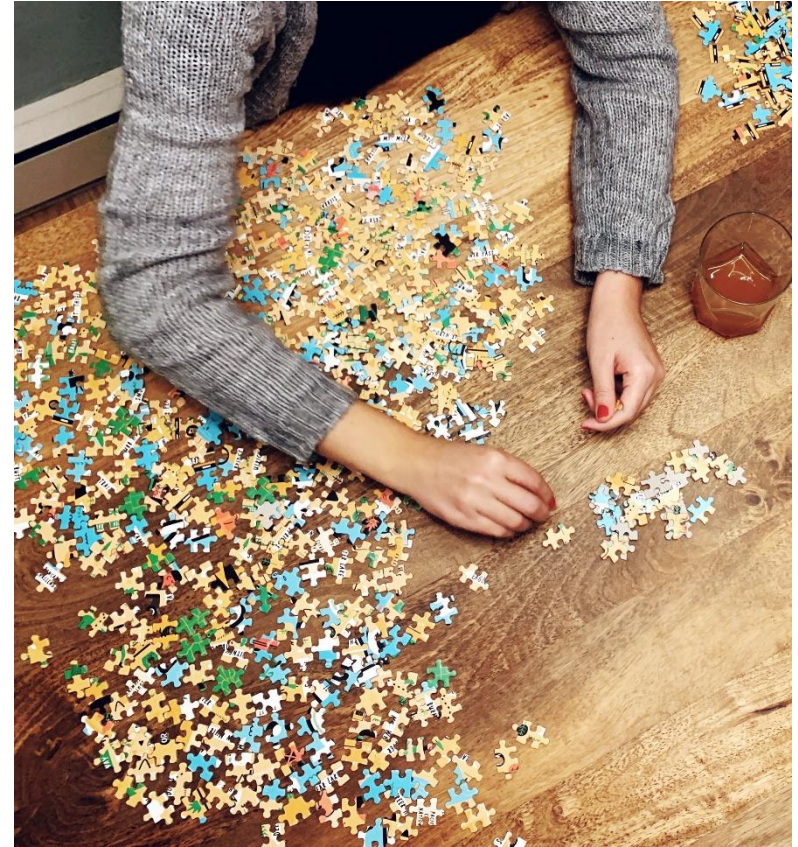




## National legislation

Step 1: screen all existing national legislation:

- Regulation by AHR?
  - Is it on top of AHR?
  - Allowed → keep it?
  - Not allowed → delete
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- Helps a lot to start understanding structure of AHR, DA's and IA's





# Correlation table: helps a lot!

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## ANNEX V

### CORRELATION TABLE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 270 (2)

#### 1. Directive 64/432/EEC

Directive 64/432/EEC	This Regulation
Article 1	—
Article 2	Articles 4 (partially), 21, 153(3) and 220(3)
Article 3(1)	Articles 124 and 126
Article 3(2)	Articles 124 (2), 126(1) and 149(3) and (4)
Article 4(1)	Article 126(1)(c)
Article 4(2) and (3)	Article 125(1) and (2)
Article 5(1)	Articles 143(1), 145 and 146





## Changes????

- Most asked question: what will be different in practice?
- Sounds easy → difficult to answer
- In general: majority will remain the same, but small changes sometimes have a large effect
- Some examples of differences old versus new:
  - Large one: I&R horses
  - Small one: no certificate for intra-trade of rabbits



# Communication

- Identification of stakeholders: professional and private
- Make clear what remains the same and what will be different
- Step by step approach
- Large impact → high priority in communication: e.g. I&R horses
- Ask stakeholder organisations to help to inform their members!



## Challenges of the AHR

- New rules for stakeholders → not always enough support
- Especially small holdings/hobby sector in relation to administrative burden
- Getting national legislation ready in time
- CA ready to use new rules

Nieuwe regels vanuit Brussel

### Onrust in de pluimveehouderij: elke hobbykip moet straks worden geregistreerd

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