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Meeting of the sub-group on dairy cows and calves

Second meeting, 28.04.2022, 9:30 to 12:30
(Videoconference)

–AGENDA –

Chair of the meeting: Rebecca Holmes, Unit 'Animal welfare, antimicrobial resistance', Directorate Crisis Management in Food, Animals and Plants, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)

Ban on individual housing for calves (follow-up to the European Citizens' Initiative) and visual and tactile contact between individually housed calves.

1. Welcome and Introduction to 2nd meeting
2. Presentation of
 - a) legal requirements for group housing and contact between calves according to COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2008/119/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves and
 - b) ECI 'phasing out and finally prohibiting the use of cages for all the animal species and categories' including calves.
3. Expert Cees Jan Hollander: Presentation of examples of good practice for group housing in different Member States.
4. Eurogroup: Presentation of practical examples
 - a. of group or pair housing of calves and
 - b. of visual and tactile contact between individually housed calves
5. Discussion
6. Next meetings

