

Follow up of the subgroups on animal transport and on the welfare of pigs

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Next steps for the subgroups

- Agenda changed by the Farm to Fork strategy
- Reorganisation ongoing with new priorities
- Subgroups on animal transport and on the welfare of pigs are closed
- A new subgroup on animal welfare labelling will be created (see next point)







Document on the transport of unweaned calves

- No consensus on prolonged hunger
- Pilot project on dairy cows
- Study on alternative to transport unweaned calves over long journeys
- Reference centre on Ruminants and Equines
- EFSA opinion on animal transport

UNWEANED ANIMALS (CALVES)

The ficus of this work is on calves of 2-5 works of age, maniported over long journeys (~8b). regardless of the means of tramport (road and sea tramport). At this age, calves me typically transported and experience an immosological gap due to the shift between passive and active immunity. At this age, post-framport distributes is not incommunity. Recently, Morrison et al. minimus), se usa age, porcusanpori manusca o noi uncertanna, security, sentitivos er at. (2019) reported distribute in approximately one third (31%) of investment Holstein calves carry epones thermes in oppositioners the man being probably cope better with stansport over long, within three weeks after transport. Calves most probably cope better with stansport over long. branch and witches and samples. And the more proposely type which that samples were some journeys after reasons at an appropriate age and after appropriate management. This work does

We applied the nective Wetther Quality enterio and concluded that the greatest risks for animal

- Prolonged hanger
- Hearths fitness of calves. Preparation for transport and assessment during and after

In addition to being risks for animal welfare the three listed criteria were considered as an assument to beam trans not suffering (Attacle 3 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of procusses consuments or taken narroung returns a contain acquiumna (e.e.) on realistic 22. December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and de December (New on the protection of attaches writing numbers and research specialisms and attaches (EC) No 1255/97) in the content of long journeys and in relation to the above factors for east rectine. However, the working group has not been able to find a proper scientific defination of "turbee suffering"

For each of the three chosen criteria, we asmed

- To understand the effect of long transport of unweated calves on animal welfare. To identify minual based indicators to be used before, during and after transport.
- To identify knowledge gaps

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Document on the welfare of pigs



- No consensus on measuring tail damage at slaughterhouses
- Focus on Farm to Fork priorities
- The issue will be reconsidered after reorganisation



Mandate on the sub-group on animal welfare labellling





Background

Farm to Fork strategy narrative



The Commission will also consider <u>options</u> for animal welfare labelling to better transmit value through the food chain.

- Study to be launched early 2021
- Farm to Fork strategy flagship

Proposal for a <u>sustainable food labelling framework</u> to empower consumers to make sustainable food choices





Scope

- How the Union can better inform consumers on the welfare of animals
- Eggs, milk, fresh meat and farmed fish
- No processed food
- Experience and opinions from EU and main trade partners





Objectives

- 1. Identify certification schemes with animal welfare attributes;
- 2. Analyse, compare them based on common criteria;
- 3. Assess their contribution to the welfare of animals;
- 4. Propose actions and define tools to measure progress.





Members

10 members:

- 4 Member States, EEA members or international organisations
- 3 Business and professional organisations
- 2 Organisations from civil society
- 1 Independent expert







Expertise required

- drafting standards on food labelling
- implementation and audits of standards;



- communication of food standards;
- consumer behaviour.



How to apply?

- Details to be published on the digital tool
- Applications no later than 15 of July 2020

