Meeting of the sub-group on pigs

Sixth meeting, 17 October 2022, 9:00-12:30
(Videoconference)

– AGENDA –

Chair of the meeting: K. Z., Unit 'Animal welfare', Directorate Crisis Preparedness in Food, Animals and Plants, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)

The meeting is dedicated to animal welfare indicators

1. Context by the Commission – What is the problem?

2. Presentation by Italy, ‘Animal based indicators’

3. Examining possible options for the below questions:

   - Should the farmer monitor and/or register animal welfare at farm level? For what purpose and which type of indicators (animal/resource/management based) - which specific indicators?

   - Animal welfare indicators measured at slaughterhouse level:

     a. How to serve the farmer - giving feedback, identifying needs for intervention? (e.g. training, funding opportunities).

     b. How to serve the competent authorities. Which other purpose could be served by slaughterhouse monitoring.
c. What is needed to streamline the monitoring procedures among Member States? Automated systems/other types of systems available?

- Which animal welfare or non-animal welfare indicators can be used as **policy indicators** i.e. to measure the policy objectives (e.g. phase out cages).

4. **Which are the impacts of different options and how can we mitigate negative impacts?**

   - Impacts and corresponding mitigation measures for farmers/operators/authorities/environment/market/trade/other.
   - Transitional periods.
   - Should there be exceptions for small holdings/slaughterhouses as regards monitoring obligations? What should be the threshold to define small enterprises?

5. **Summary of the meeting and next steps**