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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

