Meeting of the sub-group on pigs

Eighth meeting, 13 December 2022, 09:00-12:30
(Videoconference)

– AGENDA –

Chair of the meeting: K. Zafeiropoulou, 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 space allowances and floors for sows and gilts, piglets, boars and in particular cases

1. Context by the Commission
2. Presentation by Anne-Claire Berentsen “Space allowances and floors for sows and piglets, mixing of pigs and hospital pens”
3. Follow-up discussion on space allowances and floors for:
   - Sows and piglets in the farrowing pen
   - Group housing of sows in the insemination and gestation unit
   - Free-access sow stalls
   - Boars
   - Mixing pens
   - Hospital pens
4. **Relevant questions**

- Taking into consideration the recommendations of *EFSA opinion 2022 on the welfare of pigs on farm*, which are, in your opinion, the **optimal space allowances and floors** for the different cases of point 3? Why?

- What would be the potential **impacts** on animals, farmers & other operators, authorities, environment, market, trade or other impact, if the **current situation** was changed to your chosen option under previous point? Please consider both positive and negative impacts.

- What would be the corresponding **mitigation measures** for negative impacts identified under previous point? Please consider a suitable transitional period, if possible.

- Please compare the **proposed options** regarding space allowances and floors for the different cases of point 3 on the basis of their potential **impacts** on animals, farmers & other operators, authorities, environment, market, trade or other impact.

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