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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

