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Introduction

The Commission has been developing animal welfare legislation for over 30 years and has been at the forefront of initiatives to promote it internationally by its active participation in, and support for, initiatives of the Council of Europe and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and in the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

Animals are recognised as sentient beings by Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of European Union (TFEU). In formulating and implementing the Union's agriculture, fisheries, transport, internal market, research and technological development and space policies, the Union and the Member States shall pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals.

The European Commission adopted its EU strategy for the protection and welfare of animals 2012-2015 in January 2012. The strategy builds on the experience gained through the 2006-2010 Action Plan to propose lines of EU action for the next four years. This strategy in particular considers enforcement as priority and stresses the importance of training in this regard.

The EU has had legislation on animal welfare during transport since 1977. The legislation was last revised through Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005, extending the scope of the requirements to operations relating to transport, such as the handling of animals at assembly centres or in slaughterhouses.

Reports from the Commission's Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) highlighted important deficiencies concerning the enforcement of the transport legislation.

The EU strategy for the Protection and Welfare of animals 2012-2015 includes, as a key objective, support for international cooperation. At international level, the OIE has adopted standards on the protection of animals during transport.

Training in the areas of animal welfare issues is considered an important tool in view of developing best practices and compliance with the EU and international standards.

The relevant European context

Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 overhauled existing EU rules on animal transport, defining the responsibilities of all actors in the transport chain to effectively enforce the new rules.

It offers more efficient monitoring tools e.g. checks on vehicles via navigation systems as of 2007, and stricter rules for journeys exceeding 8 hours, including a substantial upgrading of vehicle standards.

The Commission adopted its report on the impact of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport on 10 Nov. 2011 showing:

- Its impact on animal welfare during transport;
- Impact of the Regulation on trade within the EU;
- Socio-economic and regional implications;
- Implementation of the navigation systems;
- Enforcement of EU rules on animal welfare during transport.

The Commission report on animal welfare during transport has shown that the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 since 2007 has led to improvements. Yet, the situation is still far from satisfactory mostly because of poor enforcement. The Commission is therefore working with Member States and stakeholders to facilitate and improve the implementation of the current rules.

The Commission based the report on an external study, an opinion of the European Food Safety Authority, reports from the Food and Veterinary Office and EU countries:

- Report on protection of animals during transport
- EFSA scientific opinion on animal welfare during transport
- Study - impact of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005
- Executive summary of the Study
- Study key messages
- Food and Veterinary Office inspection reports
- Inspection reports from EU countries

*Further information at http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/transport/index_en.htm

Specific learning objectives

The course will allow participants to achieve the necessary skills to:

- interpret relevant EU legislation and international framework (as the OIE guidelines);
- apply scientific basis for proper transport of the animals (animal behaviour, concept of stress and its implication in the quality of the meat, animal physiology in particular drinking and feeding needs);
- check transport conditions and records (fitness for transport, vehicle standards, space allowances, temperatures, travelling time limits, tachographs and navigation systems etc.);
- manage practical aspects of handling of animals (loading and unloading activities) and emergency care for animals during transport;
- assess the design of vehicles facilities (density, drinking devices, headroom, ramps of access, stalls when required, etc...);
- identify best solutions to achieve the requirements on control posts;
- facilitate the monitoring and proper enforcement of relevant animal welfare requirements during the transport.

The course will also provide practical training inspection in control posts complying with EU animal welfare requirements.

Agenda

Scientific Coordinators: Dr. M. Sapino, Prof. M. Mitchell

<i>Chairman: S. D'Albenzio</i>				
Day	Time	Activity	Tutor	Duration
17 May	15.30	Registration	---	30 m
	16.00	Welcome addresses	A. Zarnecki General Veterinary Inspectorate (Poland)	15 m
	16.15	Course background, objectives, expected results	S. D'Albenzio IZSAM	15 m
	16.30	Enhancing implementation and increasing awareness on EU legislation on animal transport	D. Pritchard	20 m
	16.50	Transport of animals: OIE Animal Welfare standards and perspective	T. Grudnik OIE	20 m
	17.10	Afternoon tea and coffee-break	---	20 m
	17.30	Panel discussion Introduction: Role of the Competent Authority in improving Animal welfare during transport Forum (Questions & Answers): The application of the Council Regulation EC/01/2005: critical interpretations and controversial issues	Chairman: D. Pritchard	1 h 30 m
	19.00	End of the session	---	---
20.00	Dinner	---	---	

Chairman (morning session): P. Ferrari

Chairman (afternoon session): P. Dalla Villa

Day	Time	Activity	Tutor	Duration
18 May	9.00	The network of National Contact Points for Animal Welfare during transport	I. Carro DG SANTE Directorate F	20 m
	9.20	Fitness of animals for the intended journey	S. Messori IZSAM	20 m
	9.40	Animal-based measures in the framework of animal welfare during transport	A. Dalmau IRTA	20 m
	10.00	Assessment of critical control points during journey, loading and unloading	A. Dalmau IRTA	20 m
	10.20	Morning tea and coffee-break	---	20 m
	10.40	Road checks during long distance transport and social laws	M. Sapino Italian NCA	20 m
	11.00	Effective veterinary checks in a changing system	M. Sapino Italian NCA	20 m
	11.20	Journey logs: contents and approval before long journeys	M. Sapino Italian NCA	20 m
	11.40	Group activity: case studies	Working groups	1 h 20 m
	13.00	Presentation in plenary session of the case study outcomes	Working groups leaders	20 m
	13.20	Lunch	---	1 h 10 m
	14.30	Influencing Animal Welfare policies at national level by active leadership	D. Pritchard	30 m
	15.00	Predictive modelling of the responses of animals to transportation to assess welfare: the sound scientific basis for improvements in practice and legislation	M. Mitchell SRUC	30 m
	15.30	Case studies (plenary session)	M. Mitchell SRUC	1 h
	16.30	Afternoon tea and coffee-break	---	20 m
	16.50	High quality Control Posts and Animal Transport Certification	P. Ferrari CRPA	20 m
	17.10	Preparation of the in-field simulation exercise	M. Sapino Italian NCA/M.	30 m
	17.40	End of the session and social programme	---	---
20.00	Dinner	---	---	

<i>Chairman: M. Sapino</i>				
Day	Time	Activity	Tutor	Duration
19 May	7.00	Transfer to Anipol Control Post	---	1 h 30 m
	8.30	Briefing with the CP management and local veterinary officer Simulation exercise (participants will be asked to analyse the environment, the means and the operations on transported animals)	All tutors facilitate sub-groups	3 h
	11.30	Return to the hotel	---	1 h 30 m
	13.00	Lunch	---	1 h 30 m
	14.30	Group activity: discussion on the in-field exercise and preparation of ppt presentations	Working groups	2 h
	16.30	Afternoon tea and coffee-break	---	20 m
	16.50	Presentation in plenary session of the in-field activity reports	Working groups leaders	40 m
	17.30	Debate and end of the session	Chairman: M. Mitchell SRUC	30 m
	18.00	End of the session	---	---
	20.00	Social dinner	---	---

<i>Chairman: S. D'Albenzio</i>				
Day	Time	Activity	Tutor	Duration
20 May	8.30	Panel discussion: stakeholders' perspective on AW during long journey transport	Chairman: S. D'Albenzio Participants: M. Šmiglak (Road Police) O. Kwasnik (Anipol) I. Baumgärtner (AWF) M. Steendijk (Eyes on Animals)	1 h 30 m
	10.00	Knowledge building in Animal Welfare during transport: an innovated approach	S. D'Albenzio IZSAM	15 m
	10.15	Course major outcomes and final conclusions	M. Mitchell SRUC	30 m
	10.45	Brunch	---	15 m
	11.00	Transfer from the hotel to International Airports	---	----

Training course methodologies

The course aims at improving participant practical skills to be applied in their daily work. They focus on developing the abilities of participants identifying critical points and solutions to main problems encountered in the everyday work.

Training methodology, drawn upon the experience of the trainees, takes into consideration that the trainee is in most cases already quite informed on the issues related to animal welfare standards.

On the basis of previous DG SANTE experiences and taking into account adult learning styles, the main training methodologies are:

Methods
Individual reading assignments
Lectures by experts
Group works/facilitated group discussions
Panel discussions
Case studies
In field activities

A half-day visit to a Control Post complying with EU animal welfare requirements, is organised for simulating official controls on transported animals.

Participants

Official veterinarians belonging to the National Competent Authorities of EU Countries, candidate and third Countries, involved in:

- enforcement of legislation on animal transport;
- official controls on document, structural and physical aspects of animal transport;
- development of best practices to improve the application of European norms and/or international standards (where appropriate).

Location

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