



CLARIFICATION N°2

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Call title: Animal care & welfare: welfare-related research on heat stress during transport, and dairy herd welfare indicators

Question: *Companies as project partners or subcontractors*

The second and third task have to involve multiple consignments on long-distance journeys over a range of environmental temperatures, preferably in trucks with different configuration in terms of animal density and type and placement of drinkers.

- Can a transport company be included in the proposal as subcontractor or partner or other role, with the job to deliver truck, driver and the animals, and then to follow a pre-described protocol during a number of journeys?

The company will not have influence on project description, choice of measurements, data analyses or data interpretation, and only be paid for their extra costs in relation to for example taking down sensors upon arrival, lowering the number of animals etc.

Answer : We understand your question refers to Lot 2. Core tasks are the validation of the algorithm during livestock transport (Task 2) and the determination of the space allowance (using the allometric k-value) and type, number and placement of water drinkers (Task 3).

The services of the transport company do not cover the scientific tasks above, they are ancillary to those tasks, therefore they can be subcontracted to a transport company.