



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND ANIMAL WELFARE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT OF CAGED SPECIES

WEB-conference (Teams), 17 December 2020

(Agreed on 22 December 2020)¹

Participants

■ Working Group Members:²

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■ Hearing Experts³:

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http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Marien Gerritzen.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence⁴ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁵, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the members at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Agreement of the minutes of the 1 st Working Group meeting held on 13 November 2020, TELE-conference (Teams).

The [minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting](#) were agreed by written procedure on 25 November 2020.

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

Discussion on revised list of welfare consequences

A revised list of welfare consequences was presented to and discussed by the Working Group. The inclusion of the new welfare consequence "Motion stress" is particularly relevant to the transport mandates.

Presentation of methodology to be used when selecting the most relevant welfare consequences and discussion of methodology

The methodology to be used for selection of the most relevant welfare consequences per transport scenario was presented by and discussed with Olaf Mosbach-Schulz (from EFSA Unit on Assessment & Methodologies). The full list of welfare consequences is to be assessed by the experts with the aim of identifying a maximum of 5 welfare consequences that are the most relevant ones for each transport scenario. To decide which welfare consequences are irrelevant, a mental exercise considering the *prevalence x duration x severity* should be done for each welfare consequence.

One transport scenario (transport of broilers by road) was used to practice the agreed methodology. More scenarios were then done in the same way: for each stage of a transport scenario, the Working Group experts decided on which welfare consequences that clearly did not apply, those that were clearly not relevant and those that were clearly relevant. The remaining welfare consequences will be further discussed in the Working

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⁵ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

Group with the aim to identify the appropriate number welfare consequences to assess and with a particular focus on the uncertainty analysis.

Describing current transport practices in narrative text

Before next Working Group meeting, the experts were asked to start writing descriptions of the different transport scenarios in the draft Scientific Opinion Chapter 3 ("Assessment").

Common procedure for hearing experts' contributions

A procedure for hearing expert's contributions, to be used in all animal welfare working group under the Farm to Fork mandates, was presented. This procedure was developed to ensure that the chair assesses and approves input from hearing experts.

6. Next meeting

The next Working Group meeting was planned for 27 January 2021 as a WEB conference (Teams) 9h-17h.



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4.1. Presentation and discussion of mandate

The mandate [2020 – 0118⁶](#) on protection of animals during transport – animals transported in containers was introduced in a power point. The Working Group discussed the mandate, particularly the scope/extent.

Presentation and discussion of methodology

The role and result of the Task Force, established to ensure a common approach across the different Farm 2 Fork mandates on animal welfare, was presented. Principles in Risk Assessment in animal welfare, welfare consequences, hazards, Animal Based Measures (ABM), outcome tables was presented and discussed.

Discussion on animal categories

The Working Group discussed and identified animal categories to be assessed under the mandate.

Discussion on welfare consequences

A list of welfare consequences suggested by the Task Force, was introduced and assessed according to the mandate.

Structure of Scientific Opinion

A draft structure of the Scientific Opinion was discussed. The draft adopted the recent structure of slaughter opinions; to go by the Welfare Consequences. A slightly different structure was proposed, to align the structure with the structure proposed for the

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⁶ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00482>

mandates on husbandry systems for pigs, calves and poultry. It was agreed to adapt the structure accordingly.

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