



ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH UNIT

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WELFARE OF CALVES

WEB-conference, 17 December 2020

(Agreed on 08 January 2021)

Participants

- Working Group Members:
Christoph Winckler
Laura Webb
Margit Bak Jensen
Susanne Waiblinger
- Hearing Experts¹:
George Stilwell
Marta Brscic
- EFSA:
ALPHA Unit: Denise Candiani, Simona Bottinelli
AMU Unit: Olaf Mosbach-Schulz

¹ As defined in Article 15 of the Decision of the Executive Director concerning the selection of members of the Scientific Committee, the Scientific Panels, and the selection of external experts to assist EFSA with its scientific work:
http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/expertselection.pdf

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants.

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 Independence² and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management³, 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 1st Working Group meeting held on 17 November 2020, WEB-conference.

The minutes of the 1st Working Group meeting held on 17 November 2020 were agreed by written procedure on 23 November 2020.⁴

5. Scientific topics for discussion⁵

The list of welfare consequences was reviewed in order to proceed with the selection of the most relevant welfare consequences per each animal category and husbandry system. A training with example was provided on how to conduct the selection exercise.

6. Next meeting

19th January 2021, 9:00 to 17:00 CET

² http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/policy_independence.pdf

³ http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/competing_interest_management_17.pdf

⁴ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wqs/animal-health/wq-welfare-farmtofork-welfare-calves.pdf>

⁵ <http://registerofquestions.efsa.europa.eu/roqFrontend/questionLoader?question=EFSA-Q-2020-00480>



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¹ Minutes should be published within 15 working days of the final day of the relevant meeting.

² Indicate first full name and then surname (John Smith) all throughout the document.

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The mandate on calf welfare on farm was presented in the context of the Farm To Fork Strategy. Common terms of reference and specific scenarios were discussed. The list of welfare consequences with the definitions suggested by the Task Force was reviewed and suggestions will be considered at the next Task Force meeting. It was agreed that the relevant animal categories are veal calves and dairy calves before and after weaning. The husbandry systems were defined for the animal categories. The experts will list 5 relevant welfare consequences per each husbandry system by 27th November and when these are approved by the Task Force, they will start drafting the descriptions of the husbandry systems and the welfare consequences for the common terms of references.

5. Next meeting

17th December 2020

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