

## CHAIR'S WELCOME



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Dear All,

On 2 December, the ANIT Inquiry Committee will have an exchange of views with Commissioner for agriculture, Mr. Janusz Wojciechowski who will give a short presentation on animal welfare during transport and answer to all remaining questions from Members.

Then, on 10 December 2020, ANIT Committee will organise its first public hearing to discuss the *“Enforcement of Regulation 1/2005 by the Member States and the Commission”*.

The goal of this introductory hearing is to provide ANIT Members with a comprehensive overview of the enforcement of Regulation 01/2005 and to tackle the different responsibilities of the Member States and the Commission. The invited experts and representatives will provide Members with information on the evolution and differences in compliance rates, the sanctions mechanisms in Member States, cross-border cooperation between Member States, as well as infringement procedures and other possible actions by the Commission to ensure enforcement proper implementation and compliance.

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Tilly Metz - 1 December 2020

## PRESENTATIONS



### **Welfare of animals during transport by Nikolaus Križ, Head of Unit for Animal Health and Welfare (20 November)**

Mr Križ presented the important work performed by EFSA in the framework of the food security over the years. Established in 2002, in the framework of the General Food Law, EFSA provides with scientific opinion, as results of independent review of scientific literature, thanks to its team of experts. In the framework of the Farm to Fork strategy, EFSA has been mandated by the European Commission to provide, by June 2022, an independent view on the protection of animals during transport for free-moving animals (Equids, bovine, small ruminants and pigs) and animals in containers (domestic birds and rabbits), updating the EFSA scientific opinion dated back in 2011 in animal welfare during transport.

Mr Križ shared that EFSA is currently gathering independent experts and data in order to have an overview of the current practices with regards to the preparation and the transport in all its phases, including the means of transport and the conditions on board. Hazards leading to welfare consequences will be also acknowledged, and recommendation to prevent, mitigate and correct welfare critical points will be provided. EFSA will also consider practical difficulties which could incur in the application of enhanced welfare practices.

An interesting and constructive debate took place, in which Members were very much looking forward to reading the forthcoming scientific opinion of EFSA.

Special interest was shown on the conditions within the means of transport (i.e.space, microclimatic conditions, watering and feeding) as well as the transport of special categories of animals (unweaned calves) as these conditions were already highlighted in the previous report. Mr Križ reassured Members that their requests are part of the mandate given to EFSA by the European Commission and reminded that, despite Europe has one of the highest standards for animal welfare worldwide, there is always room for improvement.

The Chair Tilly METZ concluded that the Committee is counting on EFSA for strong recommendation and hopefully strong statements.

More information about [EFSA](#)

## NEXT EVENTS

### **Public hearing:**

- “Enforcement of Regulation 1/2005, by the Member States and the Commission” (10 December 2020)

### **Exchange of Views:**

- with Commissioner for agriculture Mr. Janusz Wojciechowski (on 2 December)

## PUBLIC HEARING

### **Public hearing on “Enforcement of Regulation 1/2005 by the Member States and the Commission” (10 December 2020)**

On Thursday, 10 December, ANIT Inquiry Committee will organise a remote Hearing on “Enforcement of Regulation 1/2005 by the Member States and the Commission”. The event will feature the participation of stakeholders’ representatives and will be divided into two panels. The first panel will focus on clarifying responsibilities for enforcement with the participation of Dr. Christoph Maisack for the legal perspective on enforcement; Ms. Trine Vig Tamstorf, from the Danish Agriculture and Food Council, for the industry perspective of the enforcement, and Dr. Nancy de Briyne, representative of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE).

The second panel will focus on infringements observed on the ground with presentations by Ms. Silvia Meriggi, from

the Animal Welfare NGO Animals' Angels and Ms. Olga Kikou from the Animal Welfare NGO Compassion in World Farming.

## EXCHANGE OF VIEWS



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### Exchange of Views with Commissioner for agriculture Mr. Janusz Wojciechowski

ANIT Members will have the possibility to discuss with Janusz Wojciechowski, Commissioner for Agriculture, on the transportation of live animals as an important element of modern EU agricultural policy.

## NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT

### Recent publications:

- [AGRI News October / November 2020 – Documents for information on CAP reform and other specific issues \(Green Deal, Farm to Fork Strategy and COVID-19\).](#)
- [Information package for the Committee of Inquiry on the protection of animals during transport \(ANIT\).](#)
- [The Farm to Fork Strategy implications for agriculture and the CAP.](#)

### Other publication:

- [New WTO paper explores linkages between trade and the spread of diseases of animal origin](#)

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