

CHAIR'S WELCOME



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Dear All,

First of all, I wish you all a happy New Year and I hope we will get through current difficulties soon. As its last event of the year, the ANIT Committee held, on 10 December 2020, its first and introductory public hearing, to discuss the “Enforcement of Regulation 1/2005 by the Member States and the Commission”.

The invited experts were representatives from animal welfare NGOs, industry stakeholders, veterinarians, and a legal expert. The invited experts gave an overview on different aspects of the current implementation, highlighting current issues with implementation of Regulation 1/2005, but also proposing possible solutions.

On 1 February 2020, the next hearing, on "Approvals, controls and data" will take place. The public hearing will aim to provide ANIT members with an overview of technical and administrative procedures related to the implementation and enforcement of Regulation 01/2005. Particular aspects to be considered include: approval of journey logs, approval of vehicles, procedures to license companies, mechanisms for inspections and controls, the use of the TRACES system in practice, as well as training of veterinarians, customs and police officers.

Click [here](#) to see the final program of the event and the working documents.

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PREVIOUS EVENTS



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

On 2 December 2020, ANIT Members had 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.

With his keenly awaited presence Commissioner could reconfirm that the revision of the Animal Welfare legislation, including the legislation on transport, is a goal for the European Commission, in the view of the Farm to Fork strategy. The Commissioner gave an overview on how animal welfare is taken into account in the future Common Agriculture Policy: as part of the mandatory conditionality standards covering the general farm animal welfare directive, but also through funding possibilities under European agricultural fund for rural development (EAFRD). The Commissioner also underlined the willingness from the European Commission to consider animal welfare labelling.

An in-depth debate could take place on the animal welfare aspects of future CAP reform and the willingness, from DG AGRI side, of promoting small scale farms and regional slaughterhouses. The Commissioner pointed out that indeed the new CAP reform will have, as final result, a reduction for the need of long distance transport.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing on “Enforcement of Regulation 1/2005 by the Member States and the Commission”

On Thursday, 10 December, ANIT Inquiry Committee held a remote Hearing on ““Enforcement of Regulation 1/2005 by the Member States and the Commission”.

A first round saw the presentation from the first three experts: a German law firm, the Danish meat industry and the European Federation of Veterinarians. They gave their insight from these different perspectives on the application of the welfare rules, proposing possible actions to improve the current situation.

The speeches tackled issues like the sharing of responsibility, the approval of control posts, the ban for transport of animals to Countries where welfare cannot be guaranteed, the lack of veterinary support on vessels and the approval of vessels. Experts were able to provide replies and available to send additional information in writing. A differentiated approach for the responsibility and a differentiation of the rules for transport according to groups of animal was proposed, together with the need for development of EU database of facilities along the route outside EU and a call for cross-country collaboration for harmonised rules. Focus was also given on the importance of trainings.

The second round had the presentations from the last two experts from animal welfare organisations and it focussed on the results of investigations made by international welfare organisations represented by the experts.

Experts gave example of good and less good administration in different member states, for what regards the implementation of the welfare during transport rules, and expressed trust for the current Commission.

The second panel will focus on control framework with presentations by **Mr Péter Bokor**, Head of Unit G3 “Official Controls”, European Commission, DG SANTE and **Dr Gunter Pannwitz**, veterinarian and developer of software to monitor transports.

NEW EVENT – PUBLIC HEARING



Public hearing on “Approvals, controls and data”

On Monday, 1 February, ANIT Inquiry Committee will organise a remote Hearing on “Approvals, controls and

data”. The event would provide ANIT members with an overview of technical and administrative procedures related to implementation and enforcement of Regulation 01/2005. Particular aspects to be considered would include: approval of journey logs, approval of vehicles, procedures to licence companies, mechanism for inspections and controls, and the use of the TRACES system in practice, training of veterinarians, customs and police officers.

The first panel will focus on approvals and controls with the participation of **Dr Håkan Henrikson**, Chief Veterinary Officer, CVO, and Head of Trade and Industry at Swedish Board of Agriculture, Jordbruksverket; **Dr Alexander Rabitsch**, veterinarian, consultant and former animal welfare inspector and **Dr Michael Marahrens**, veterinarian, Deputy head and working group leader of the Institute for Animal Welfare and Animal Husbandry of the Friedrich-Löffler-Institute.

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