

CHAIR'S WELCOME



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Dear All,

As its last event, the ANIT Committee held, on 1 February 2021, its public hearing, to discuss "Approvals, controls and data".

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

On 25th February, ANIT Members will have a double commitment.

The third hearing will take place, focussing on "Long distance transport within the EU". Invited experts will tackle with the specific characteristics and challenges of the implementation of Regulation 01/2005 in relation to long-distance transport of live animals within the European borders. This hearing will provide ANIT members with an overview of the duties and obligations of Member States' competent authorities and the most commonly reported issues as well as best practices. 6 experts have been invited and their presentations will be followed by an exchange of views with Members.

On the same date, ANIT members will also hold an exchange of views with the Minister of Agriculture from the Portuguese Presidency, Ms Maria do Céu Antunes. The debate will focus on the priorities of the Portuguese Presidency in the field of animal welfare during transport, giving a special attention to the transport by sea.

On 1 March 2021, the public hearing will be on "Transports of live animals to third countries", with two panels of experts. The first panel will focus on checks and issues when leaving the EU, while the second panels will concentrate on checks and issues in the third countries. Eleven experts will take the floor and reply to the questions from Members.

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

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PREVIOUS EVENT

Public hearing on "Approvals, controls and data"



On Monday, 1 February, ANIT Inquiry Committee held a remote public hearing on "Approvals, controls and data".

A first round saw the presentation from the first three experts: **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-Loeffler-Institute.

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

NEW ITEM - EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Portuguese Presidency: Exchange of views with the the Minister of Agriculture.



ANIT Members will hold an exchange of views with **Ms Maria do Céu Antunes**, Portuguese Minister of Agriculture. The debate will focus on the priorities of the Portuguese Presidency in the field of animal welfare during transport, with special focus on sea transport. Portugal will also promote innovation, digital transformation and sustainable management of

countryside's natural resources, including by prioritising the on-going negotiations on the reform of the common agricultural policy. Portugal took over the Presidency from Germany on 1 January 2021 and it forms a presidency trio together with Germany (outgoing) and Slovenia (incoming).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Long distance transports of live animals within the European Union (25 February)



On Thursday 25 February, ANIT Inquiry Committee will organise a remote public hearing with the participation of six experts:

Mr Rob Doyle, Director for Animal Welfare (inc. Transport & Live Exports), Animal Medicines & AMR, Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; **Mr Hendrik-Jan Roest**, deputy CVO, Dutch Ministry of Agriculture; **Mr Pierre Sultana**, Director of European Policy Office Four Paws; **Dr Daniele Tullio**, Official Veterinarian, Azienda Sanitaria Locale Bari; **Ms Iris Baumgärtner**, Vice-Chair, Animal Welfare Foundation and **Dr Antonio Velarde**, Head of the Animal Welfare Program, IRTA-Spain.

The experts will give an overview of the duties and obligations of Member States' competent authorities and the most commonly reported issues in intracommunity trade, as well as best practices.

Transports of live animals to Third countries (1 March)



On Monday, 1 March, the fourth hearing will see two panels of experts, focussing on two crucial points of long journey to Third countries.

More in details, the first panel will focus on checks and issues when leaving the EU, with the participation of

Mr Seamus Scallan, Wicklow Calf Company (Ireland); **Ms Manuela Giacomini**, Conte & Giacomini Lawyers (Italy); **Ms Constança Carvalho** from the Anti-Transport Platform for Live Animals, PATAV (Portugal); **Mr Péter Hencz**, Managing director of Hunland Trans Kft (Hungary); **Ms Lorène Jacquet**, Campaigns and Advocacy Manager of the Fondation Brigitte Bardot

(France) and **Mr Heinz Osterloh**, from the German Cattle and Meat Trade Association (Germany).

The second panel will concentrate on checks and issues in the third countries, with the presentations by experts: **Dr. med. vet. Madeleine Martin**, Animal Welfare Officer from the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of the Land Hesse (Germany), **Mr Friedhelm Hormann**, Director of the Independent Product Controlling Hormann GmbH (Germany), **Mr Gabriel Paun**, EU Director of Animals International; **Dr Florin Beteg**, Professor at the University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca (Romania) and **Dr Maria Dayen**, Deputy Chair of the Committee of Animal Welfare of the Federal Chamber of Veterinary Surgeons (Bundestierärztekammer, BTK) (Germany).

PUBLICATION

Upcoming publications from Policy Department

- IDA on the Relation between different zoonotic pandemics, including COVID 19 and the livestock sector, including fur production

FURTHER INFORMATIONS

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