UECBV activities in Animal Welfare

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What is the UECBV?

Why is Animal Welfare important to UECBV?

Past activities

Next activities
UECBV is the **European Livestock and Meat Trades Union**. It represents at the EU level the national federations of the:

- livestock traders
- livestock markets
- meat industry: slaughterhouses, cutting and preparation plants
- wholesale meat traders
- international meat traders

**UECBV** focuses on cattle, beef / horses, horsemeat / sheep and goats, sheep and goat meat / pigs, pork.
Today, UECBV represents 52 associations out of:

- 24 EU Member States as well as certain EFTA countries and EU candidate countries (Turkey).
- Other countries, EU trade partners in the meat sector, are also associated to the UECBV (Japan, Russia)

3 European Associations
Livestock markets (AEMB)
Casings industry (ENSCA)
Ship suppliers (OCEAN)

In total, some 20,000 firms of all sizes and over 230,000 jobs are represented within the UECBV through its national member federations.
What is the UECBV?

Farmer

Livestock Market

Slaughterhouse

Deboning and cutting plant

Meat preparation plant

Retail Sale

Butcher

Supermarket

Catering

Livestock Trader

Processing Plant

Exporter

Importer

OIE Consultation Meeting – Paris, France – 26th March 2015
1. For the welfare of the animal itself;
2. To meet the civil society’s expectations;
3. To contribute to the quality of meat;
4. To comply with the legal provisions:
   - Regulation (EC) 853/2004
   - Regulation (EC) 1/2005
   - Regulation (EC) 1099/2009
Conferences:


29th May 2013: “Enforcement of animal welfare during transport - Bringing Best Practice to Light”

Past activities

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Guidelines:

Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of Adult Bovines
In collaboration with:
• EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS
• ANIMALS’ ANGELS
• ELT (European Livestock Transporters)
• FVE (Federation of Veterinarians of Europe)
• IRU (International Road Transport Union)

Manual for the Animal Welfare of horses during transport and slaughtering
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Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of Pigs

In collaboration with:

- EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS
- COPA-COGECA
- ANIMALS’ ANGELS
- INAPORC
- COOPERL Arc Atlantique
- FVE (Federation of Veterinarians of Europe)
- ELT (European Livestock Transporters)
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Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of Equidae
In collaboration with:
• WORLD HORSE WELFARE
• FEEVA (Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations)
• ANIMALS’ ANGELS
• ATA (Animal Transportation Association)
• AUSTRIAN FEDERAL CHAMBER OF VETERINARY SURGEONS
• AWIN (Animal Welfare Indicators)
• BCP-CBC (Belgian Confederation for the Horse)
• COPA-COGECA (European Farmers and Agri-Cooperatives)
• EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS
• FISE (Italian Equestrian Sports Federation)
• FVE (Federation of Veterinarians of Europe)
• FFE-PSV (French Equestrian Federation)
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Animal Welfare at Livestock Markets

Guide to best practice

Animal Welfare at Livestock Market, Guide to best practice:
In collaboration with:
• ANIMALS’ ANGELS
• FMBV (Fédération Française des Marchés de Bétail Vif)
Animal Welfare Indicators

- Creation of a simpler version of the scoring system presented by Temple Grandin using 20 main points to be checked at the point of arrival of trucks (livestock markets, control posts, slaughterhouses and farm-to-farm).

- Depending on the size of the trucks and the input of the establishment, a number of 20 lorries per day could be considered.

- Inspection period could be 2 or 3 days in a row per month, for a trial period of 3-4 months.

- The audits will be announced.

At the beginning, two species only would be considered (cattle and pigs); however, a further collaboration with a.v.e.c (poultry) will be considered.

The objective is to assess the quality of the transport thanks to independent audits and checks.
CEN “Project Committee Halal food”

Religious slaughter

Animal welfare at the time of slaughter  Food information to consumers

Impact on the EU meat producers

The involvement of UECBV in the CEN “Project Committee Halal food” is a win-win situation:

- important data can be collected from the EU meat industry
- the industry could better understand and familiarize with the CEN standards and a larger acceptance can be reached
• Guidance document for horses transport for slaughter

• EU Commission pilot project on best practices for animal transport (May 2015/April 2018)

• Training in countries where EU is exporting live cattle and live sheep
Thank you very much for your attention!

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