

BEVA/FVE Forum

on

“Improving the welfare of horses during transport: the importance of enforcement”

Date: Monday 29 November (9.00 to 17.30)

VMA 3 (2nd floor, rue Van Maerlant 2, 1040 Brussels, Belgium)

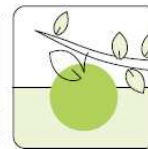
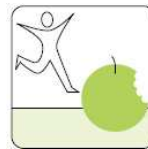
Target Audience (100-150): representatives Member States including CVO's, Members of the European Commission and European Parliament, scientific experts, national veterinary organizations, animal transport associations, animal welfare associations, equine breeder and industry associations, etc

Main aim of the forum:

The forum aims to review the enforcement of the Transport Regulation as it relates to the transportation of horses (both for slaughter and for other purposes). The aim is to identify those areas in which we believe most impact on the welfare of horse during transportation can be made, and what could be done in a reasonable time to correct these problems. The main focus will be on the enforcement of current legislation. The forum will try to define the effective control systems, critical control points and good practices while also considering trade flows, animal health risks, horse identification & registration and the effect of closing horse slaughterhouses.



European Economic and Social Committee



8.30	REGISTRATION
<u>Overall Chair:</u> Walter Winding, FVE President	
OPENING SESSION	
9.00	<p>Welcome by EESC representative</p> <p><i>Openings by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Madeleine Campbell BEVA President</i> - <i>Mrs Anna-Maria Darmanin, EESC</i> - <i>Rudi De Keyser, NGROD</i> <p>Introduction and outline aim of the conference</p> <p><i>By Walter Winding, Forum Chair</i></p>
9:20	<p><i>Opening word by DG Sanco</i></p> <p><i>“The view from the Commission” by Bernard Van Goethem</i></p> <p>Followed by outline of the rules governing horse transport</p> <p><i>Andrea Gavinelli, DG Sanco Animal Welfare Unit</i></p>
10:00	<p>Horse transport: number of horses transported, reasons, horse import and export</p> <p><i>Willy Baltussen, Head of Section at LEI/Wageningen, NL</i></p>
10:30	COFFEE
SESSION I	
<p>Implementation and enforcement of rules regarding the transport of horses</p> <p><i>“The view from the ground”</i></p>	
10:50	<p>Food and Veterinary Office (EC): General outcomes of FVO missions carried out to evaluate controls of animal welfare during transport of equidae</p> <p><i>Terence Cassidy, Food and Veterinary Office (EC)</i></p>

11:10	<p>Animal Welfare NGO's:</p> <p><i>Joanne White, Director of Campaigns and Communications, World Horse Welfare</i></p> <p><i>Christa Blanke, CEO and founder of Animals' Angels</i></p>
11:40	<p>FEI: World governing body of the equestrian sport</p> <p><i>Graeme Cooke, Veterinary Director, FEI</i></p>
12:10	<p>Veterinary Inspectors:</p> <p><i>Alexander Rabitsch, Veterinary Inspector Austria</i></p> <p><i>Mario Sapino, Veterinary Inspector Piemonte, Italy.</i></p>
12:50	<p>Questions and Answer</p> <p>View from the audience</p>
13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH
<p>SESSION II</p> <p>Consequences of non -compliance</p>	
14:00	<p>Disease risks of transporting horses</p> <p><i>Dave Marlin, visiting professor equine science, UK</i></p>
14:20	<p>Practical considerations and welfare considerations when transporting horses</p> <p><i>Gianluigi Giovagnoli, DVM, specialist in Sanità Animale, Allevamento e Produzioni Zootecniche</i></p>
14:40	<p>Relationship between horse transport and horse identification and the presence of horse slaughterhouses</p> <p><i>Josh Slater, FEEVA President</i></p>
<p>MOVE TO PARALLEL SESSIONS</p> <p>PANEL 1 will be in VMA 3 (same room as plenary)</p> <p>PANEL 2 will be held in Rue De Treves 74 7th floor - TRE7701</p>	

SESSION III

Improving the welfare of horses:

Who is responsible and how?

15.10 -16.30

2 PARALLEL PANEL DISCUSSION

PANEL 1 "Transport of horses going for slaughter"

Moderator: Colm Gaynor

"Each panel member to give its 3 main points for improvement"

Panel members:

- Fabio **Gaudenzi** UECBV – European Livestock and Meat Trading Union
- Pdraig **Kenny**, FVE Working Group Transport of animals
- Jo **White**, World Horse Welfare
- Claudiu **Stroe** , National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety County Directorate- Brasov, Romania
- Representative IRU – international Road Union

PANEL 2 "Transport of horses for shows, breeding, etc"

Moderator: Madeleine Campbell, BEVA President

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Panel members:

- Mr. Richard **Adams**, NAT I member, EESC
- Michel **Courat**, Eurogroup for Animals
- Graeme **Cooke**, Veterinary Director, FEI
- Des **Leadon**, European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders' Associations (EFTBA)
- Josh **Slater**, Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations (FEEVA)

	COFFEE
17:00	Concluding remarks by Belgian CVO Pierre Naassens
17.20	Take home messages by Chair