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Transport of horses in the European Union

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Report on the impact of the EU-legislation on the welfare of animals during transport





Animal transport

- Background – Regulation
- Study – report to Com
- So far....
- Next step – report
- Enforcement

Background

- Welfare during transport
- 1991, 1995, 1998 and 2005
- No changes in
 - Space allowances
 - Transport time
 - Resting time



Background cont

- No agreement on changes in transport time.
- Article 32
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council



Report

- *Impact of 1/2005 on welfare of animals*
- *the trade flows of live animals*
- *the implementation of the navigation system*
- *socio-economic implications, including regional aspects*
- *scientific evidence on welfare needs of animals (EFSA)*
- *Enforcement*



Study

- The purpose of the present study is to collect and/or analyze some of the data needed to compile the report mentioned in Article 32 of the Regulation.



Contractor

- IBF International Consulting (Consortium)
- Teamleader – Willy Baltussen (next speaker)
- Homepage:

<http://www.ibf.be/animalstransport/>



Scope

- Main focus on main farmed species
- Transport of other animals (pets, fish)
- All Member States
 - Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain and the United Kingdom.
- Transit
- Current state of play
 - Data will cover the period from 2005-2010.



Description of the assignment

- The study will be divided in the following sections, as described in Article 32 of the Regulation.
 1. Impact of the Regulation on the welfare of animals being transported.
 2. Impact of the Regulation on the trade flows of live animals within the EU.
 3. Implementation of navigation systems.
 4. Socio-economic implications of the Regulation.
 5. Regional implications of the Regulation.



Methodology

- Interviews with the main EU stakeholders and specialists.
- Stakeholders to be consulted:
 - farmers, slaughterhouses, livestock traders, livestock transporters, animal welfare organisations, veterinarians, CA of the Member States, control post owners and scientists.
- Representatives of small and medium sized enterprises.
- Representatives from regions with a strong livestock industry (represented in Brussels).



Timetable

- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority)
 - Stakeholder meeting 13 October 2010
 - Opinion – 31 December 2010
- Study – 13 March 2011
- Commission report – End 2011



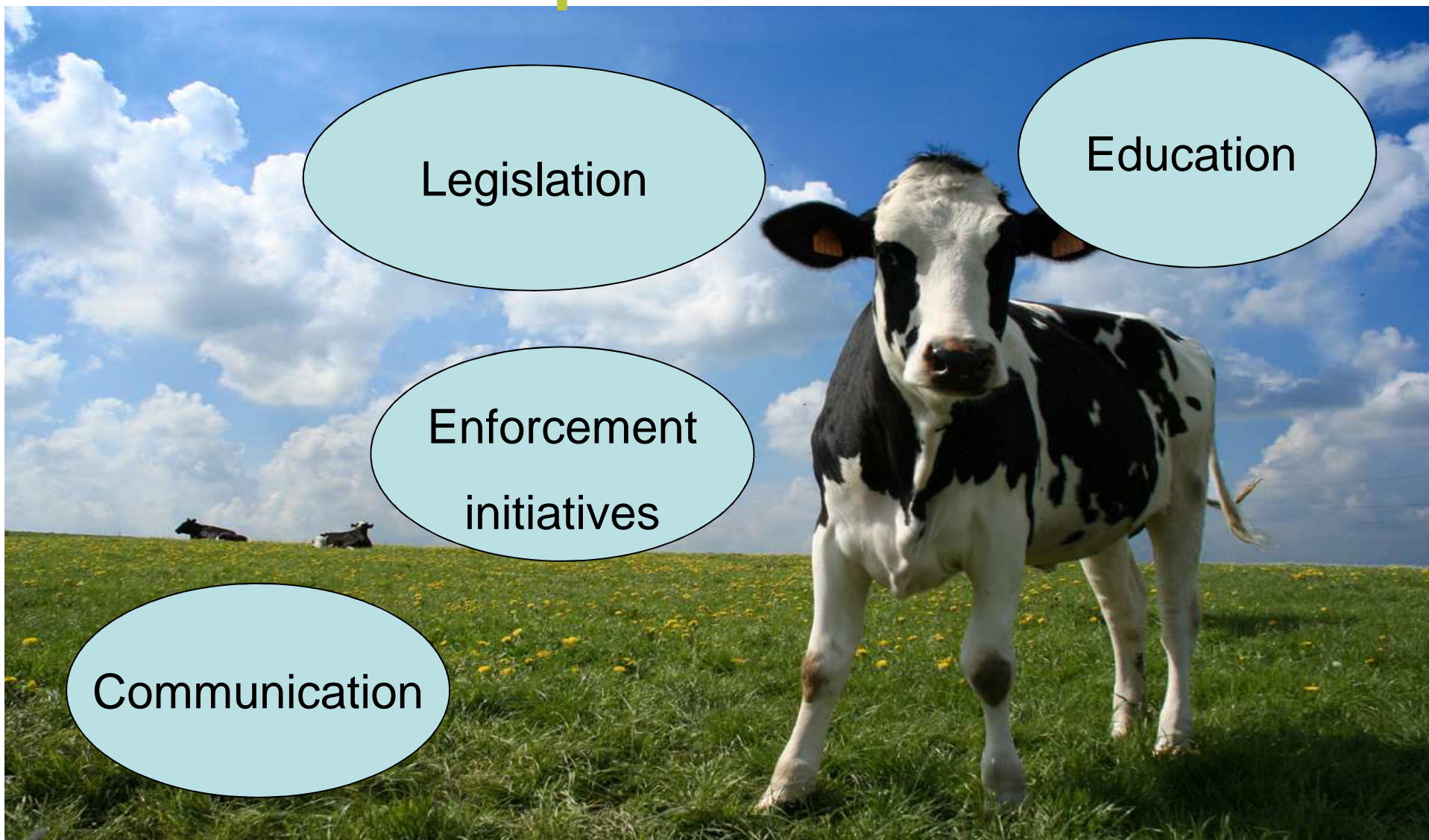
After the report???

Legislation

Education

Enforcement
initiatives

Communication





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