

Panel :

Horses transported for slaughter

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CLaudius Stroe

1. Set a defined rest period before the journey for slaughter – correlated with transport duration & diet
2. Additional identify horses going for slaughter e.g. with iron branding on left hoof (letter S)
3. Evaluation of stress during transport: real connection between heart rate and transport stress
4. Set up (official) information campaign for consumers reg. horse transport for slaughter



Padraig Kenny

1. Robust, European, practical detailed protocols covering diff aspects of 1/2005 should be developed throughout the transport process (wider than TRACES)
2. Identify CCP's (e.g. origin, control post, destination) & ensure two-way info flow
3. Collaboration between MS authorities



Jo White

1. Importance of CCP's, especially time of loading i.o. to ensure fitness - define animal-based indicators
2. Ensure proper provision of water to horses
3. Link Sat Navigation Systems with identification of horses



Christa Blanke

1. Vets must be persuaded to do their duty
– in doubt vets should interpret the Reg
in the favour of the animals
2. **Involve and educate the police forces**
3. Urge the EC to take their own findings
more seriously – request for toolbox of
possible actions



Fabio Gaudenzi

1. Italian demand is more because Italian citizens want fresh meat rather than being Italian – need more socio-econ. research
2. New Regulation – proper check journey log is necessary
3. [Unbroken horses should be transported in 1 compartment –pro&contras (stability problems)]
4. Put in annex passport medicine name and withdrawal time in English
5. Exclude rest period from total traveling time

Participants suggestions (1/2)

- Add a 'country of production' also for horse meat
- SNS –standards should be urgently defined! Link to electronical certification by state vet at department and operator/driver
- **Need for harmonised, unique interpretation of Reg 1/2005** – need for Europe-wide guidelines, checklists, training of inspectors (e.g. by BTSF)



Participants suggestions (2/2)

- Veterinary inspectors should be supported by a strong legislation and support of their hierarchy
- Animal welfare education – provide ongoing education to all persons involved with transportation also the vet
- Transport for 10 hours – rest driver/animals – etc (economic ...)

