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PIG MEAT INSPECTION

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Welcome to the Third Roundtable Conference on Revision of Meat Inspection!



Main conclusions previous Roundtable Conferences

- International dimension of this topic; SANCO supports a global approach (OIE/CODEX) for a world wide accepted risk based meat inspection
- Maintaining and ensuring Public health, animal health and animal welfare will be the key priority which every revision should ensure
- EU legislation provides already flexibility (e.g. visual inspection and Trichinella testing)
- Pilot projects in some Member States already demonstrate the possibility of risk based meat inspection within the present legislation
- Risk based meat inspection for pigs is not only reducing Trichinella tests and deleting lymph node incisions, but also addressing other risks like Salmonella



International dimension of review of meat inspection

- Review of EU meat inspection has consequences for worldtrade in meat
- In order to facilitate worldtrade in meat SANCO works together with OIE and Codex on rules acceptable for all
- The major partners for worldtrade in meat are invited to the Roundtable Conference to be informed about developments going on



Coherence of Public Health, Animal Health and Animal Welfare

- SANCO requested EFSA specifically to take account of the consequences of proposed changes to meat inspection for animal health and welfare
- The official veterinarian involved in meat inspection takes animal health and welfare into account in daily work

Flexibility and Pilot projects

- Some Member States already apply visual inspection for pigs from controlled housing
- Two Member States are considered to have a negligible risk for Trichinella
- Certain Member States are currently performing pilot projects on poultry and pig inspection

Today's Roundtable Conference

- Presentation of EFSA opinion on review of pork inspection
- Outcome of Questionnaire on certain aspects of review of meat inspection
- Panel discussion to collect the views of all on follow up of EFSA opinion



**Looking forward to an interesting
and open discussion.**