



# Second Roundtable Conference on Revision of Meat Inspection 25 October 2010

## FUTURE OF PIG MEAT INSPECTION

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# **Welcome to the Second Roundtable Conference on Revision of Meat Inspection!**

# Main conclusions first Roundtable Conference 18 May 2010

- International dimension of this topic; SANCO supports a global approach (OIE/CODEX)
- Same playing field across the EU
- Public health, animal health and animal welfare should be considered in a coherent way
- Risk based approach and evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of the present system
- EU legislation provides already flexibility (e.g. visual inspection and trichinella testing)
- Please use pilot projects to gain more knowledge for future solutions!

# Future pig meat inspection

- Hot topic for last 10 years
- Stakeholders Copa-Cogeca, Clitravi and FVE organised seminar 14 September 2010

# Today's Roundtable Conference

- I. Additional views on general aspects completing the first Roundtable Conference of 18 May 2010
- II. Introduction to the future pig meat inspection

## Additional views on general aspects

- The views of a major international trade partner: Canada
- The views of consumers
- The views of the veterinarians
- Update on EFSA opinion

## Focussing on pigs

- EFSA opinion on pigs expected mid 2011
- Public health problems related to Pork
- The views of the pig sector
- Experiences in Member States

# Current pig “meat inspection” (1/2)

## ■ Specific hazards covered:

- Cysticercosis
- Trichinellosis
- Tuberculosis
- Brucellosis

## ■ Hazards covered (partly) by other legislation: *Salmonella* e.g. microbiological criteria

## ■ Examples of specific hazards not covered: yersiniosis, campylobacteriosis<sub>8</sub>

## Current pig “meat inspection” (2/2)

- **Visual inspection:** head, throat, lungs, heart, diaphragm, intestinal tract, lymph nodes, ...
- **Incision** and examination: several lymph nodes, heart. When necessary: lungs, kidneys, umbilical regions, joints, certain lymph nodes.
- **Flexibility:** only visual inspection for fattening pigs housed under controlled housing conditions in integrated production systems.

# Future pig meat inspection

- Meat inspection review is a complex and challenging issue
- Global approach is of paramount importance because of world wide meat trade
- Many questions and few answers
- Continue the good cooperation with and involvement of all stakeholders
- Still a lot of work to be done



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