



A conference on

Identification and traceability along the food chain

14-15 June 2010

GASP room, Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

Objectives: to outline the benefits of identification and traceability

This includes Animal health including zoonoses, Disease prevention and control, Food safety and quality, consumer confidence; Animal welfare; Preventing fraud; Genetic improvement; Trade; Animal production and distribution Management efficiency, Crisis management.

Audience (440 max): will include representatives from the Member States, including Chief Veterinary Officers, Members of the European Parliament, representatives from Veterinary and Medical Associations, scientific experts, representatives from the EU Veterinary faculties, from EU farming associations, from animal welfare organisations, from meat and livestock associations, from consumer groups, and from third countries

Monday 14 June 2010

12:00 – 13:45: *Registration and welcome buffet lunch*

Opening session

Chair: Paola Testori Coggi, Director General, Health and Consumers Directorate-General, European Commission

14:00 – 14:10: Opening speech
by John Dalli, Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy

14:10 – 14:20: Opening remarks on behalf of the Spanish Presidency
by Elena Espinosa Mangana, Spanish Minister of Rural, Marine and Natural Environment

14:20 – 14:30: Traceability - an OIE perspective

by Bernard Vallat, Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health

14:30– 14:40: The importance of equine identification in international movements

by HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, President of FEI (Fédération Equestre Internationale)

14:40 – 14:50: Benefits of identification and traceability for the veterinary practitioner

by Walter Winding, President of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe

Session 1: Identification and traceability of live animals – linking animal health and livestock farming

Chair: Bernard Van Goethem, Acting Deputy Director General, Health and Consumers Directorate-General, European Commission

15:00 – 15:20 Identification of animals as a tool to improve animal health and livestock management – a global perspective

by Badi Besbes, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

15:20 – 15:40 How can traceability systems influence modern animal breeding and farm management?

by Ole Klejs Hansen, Chairman of the ICAR Subcommittee for Animal Identification

15:40 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 16:15 Challenges and benefits of electronic identification of sheep – a farmer's perspective

by Nico Verduin from Dutch Farmers Association (LTO)

16:15 – 16:30 Traceability of pigs without tagging – a Danish perspective

by Stig Møllergaard, Danish Veterinary Services

16:30 – 16:45 Benefits of investing in animal identification and traceability – perspective from a developing country

by Alexander Toto, Head of Animal ID and Traceability section, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, Namibia

16:45 – 18:15 Debate and vote

Evening reception Concert Noble 82 rue d'Arlon, 1040 Brussels

- 18:45 *Cocktail followed by speech by Paolo De Castro, President of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament*
- 19:30 *Dinner*

Tuesday 15 June 2010

Morning - Session 2: Traceability in the food and feed chain including labelling

Chair: Eric Pondelet, Director for Safety of the Food Chain, Health and Consumers Directorate-General, European Commission

- 9:30 – 9:50 Tracing food of animal origin: the European farmers' perspective
by Dr Helen Ferrier, National Farmers Union UK, on behalf of COPA-COGECA
- 9:50 – 10:10 How much does the consumer care about traceability?
by Robert Remy, BEUC - the European Consumers' Organisation
- 10:10 – 10:30 Experience with the EU beef labelling system (Reg. 1760/2000)
by Nicolas Douzain, Director of the French meat industry and meat trade federation (FNICGV), on behalf of UECEBV
- 10:30 – 10:50 Debate
- 10:50 – 11:10 *Coffee break*
- 11:10 – 11:30 Animal identification and traceability – useful in organic agriculture?
by Tom Nizet, CERTISYS
- 11:30 – 11:50 The Norwegian eTraceability Project “eSporing”: a solution for tracking and traceability for the whole food industry sector
by Astrid Karlsen, The Norwegian eTraceability (eSporing) Project
- 11:50 – 12:05 Italian dried meat products - examples of high traceability standards
by Fausto Palmia, Direttore Generale IPQ (Istituto Parma Qualità)
- 12:05 – 12:20 Spanish ham - an example of high traceability standards
by Julio Tapiador Farelo, Food Technologist, on behalf of the Spanish Meat Industry Federation and of CLITRAVI
- 12:20 – 13:00 Debate and vote
- 13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch*

Afternoon - Session 3: Traceability in international movements *Chair: Carlos Javier Escribano Mora, Director General of Agriculture and Livestock Resources, Spain (to be confirmed)*

- 14:30 – 14:50 Future challenges to trace products from biotechnology derived animals in international trade

by Harpreet Kochar, Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- 14:50 – 15:05 TRACES

by Didier Carton, Health and Consumers Directorate-General, European Commission
- 15:05 – 15:20 Traceability as competitive factor - the Australian example

by Tony Britt Manager Animal Standards Quality Assurance, Department of Primary Industries, Australia
- 15:20 – 15:35 Pet identification and "voluntary" traceability

by Christophe Buhot, Syndicat National des Vétérinaires d'Exercice Libéral, France
- 15:35 – 16:00 *Coffee break*
- 16:00 – 16:20 The Commission's approach to traceability in international trade

by Michael Scannell, Director of the Food and Veterinary Office, Health and Consumers Directorate-General, European Commission
- 16:20 – 17:20 Debate and vote
- 17:20 – 17:40 Conclusions and closing speech

by Paola Testori Coggi, Director General, Health and Consumers Directorate-General, European Commission