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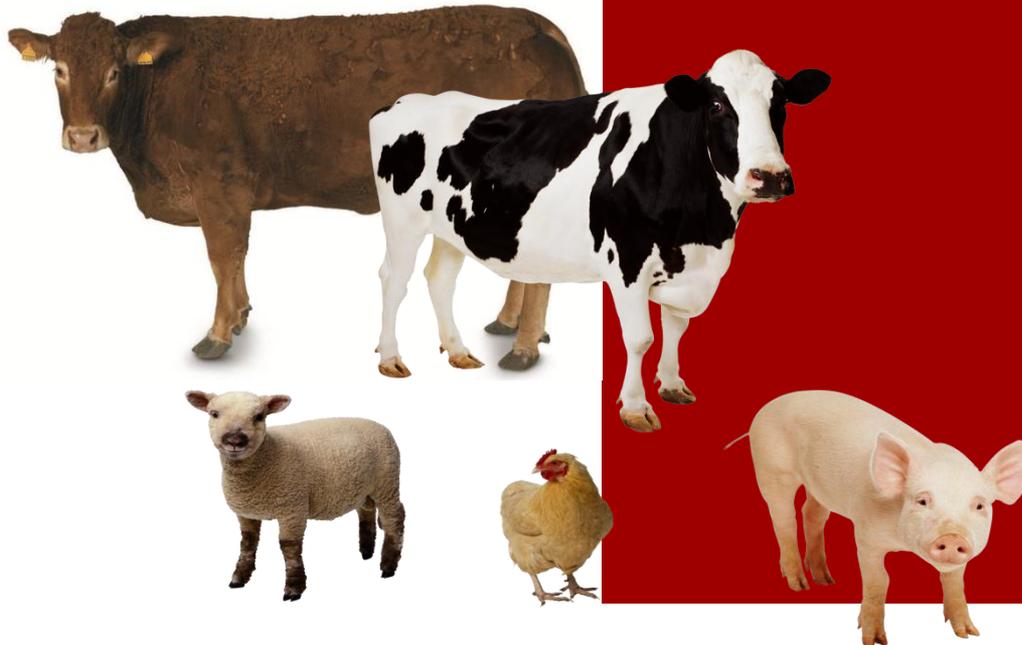
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TRADES UNION
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UECBV activities in Animal Welfare

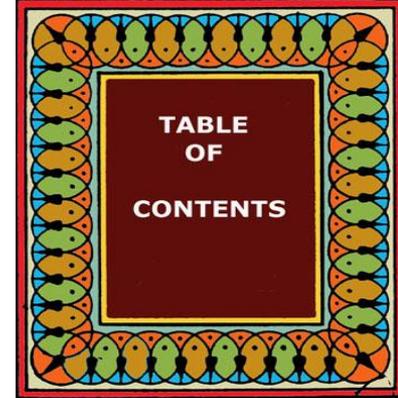


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- **What is the UECBV?**
- **Why is Animal Welfare important to UECBV?**
- **Past activities**
- **Next activities**



What is the UECBV?

UECBV is the **European Livestock and Meat Trades Union**. It represents at the EU level the national federations of the:

- livestock traders
- livestock markets
- meat industry: slaughterhouses, cutting and preparation plants
- wholesale meat traders
- international meat traders

UECBV focuses on **cattle, beef / horses, horsemeat / sheep and goats, sheep and goat meat / pigs, pork.**



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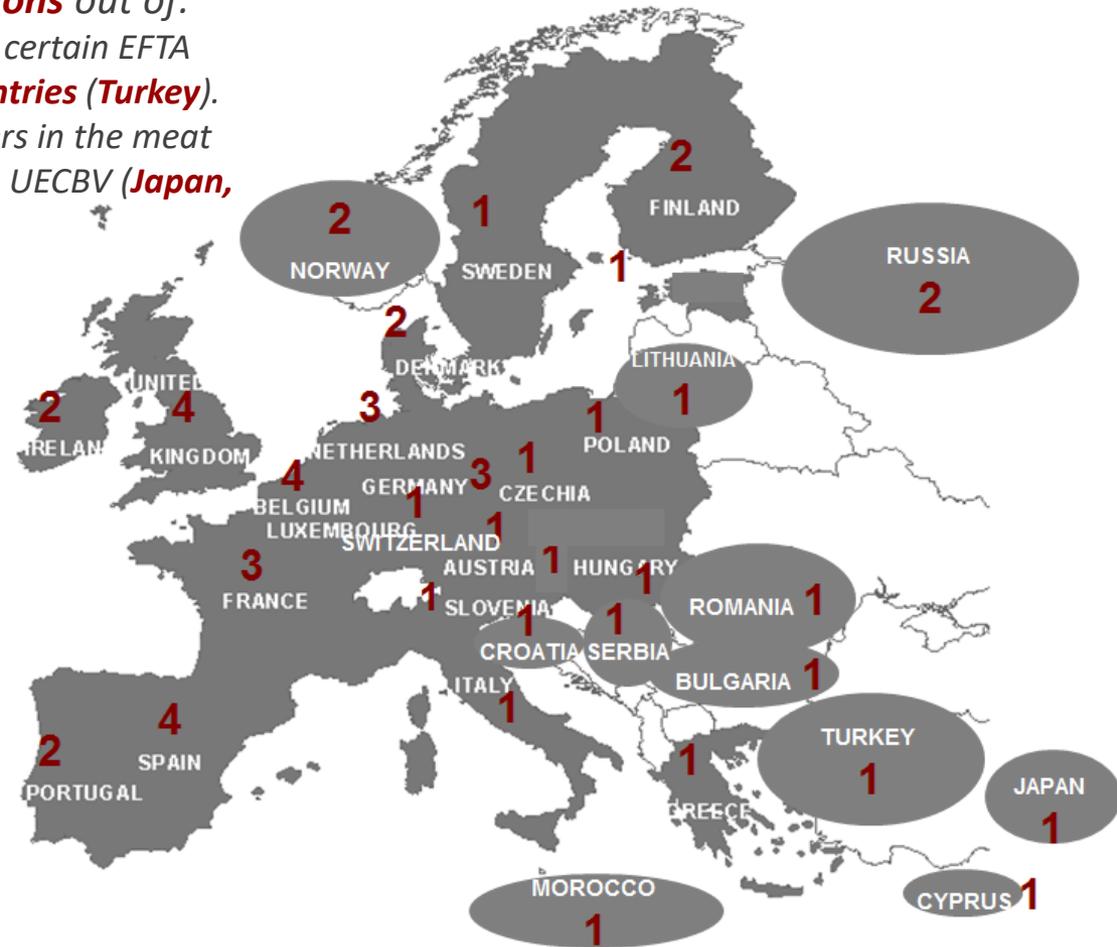
Today, UECBV represents **52 associations** out of:

- **24 EU Member States** as well as certain EFTA countries and **EU candidate countries (Turkey)**.
- Other countries, EU trade partners in the meat sector, are also associated to the UECBV (**Japan, Russia**)

3 European Associations

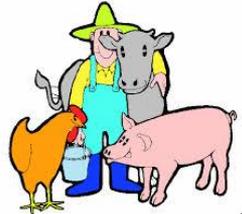
Livestock markets (AEMB)
 Casings industry (ENSCA)
 Ship suppliers (OCEAN)

In total, some **20,000 firms** of all sizes and over **230,000 jobs** are represented within the UECBV through its national member federations.

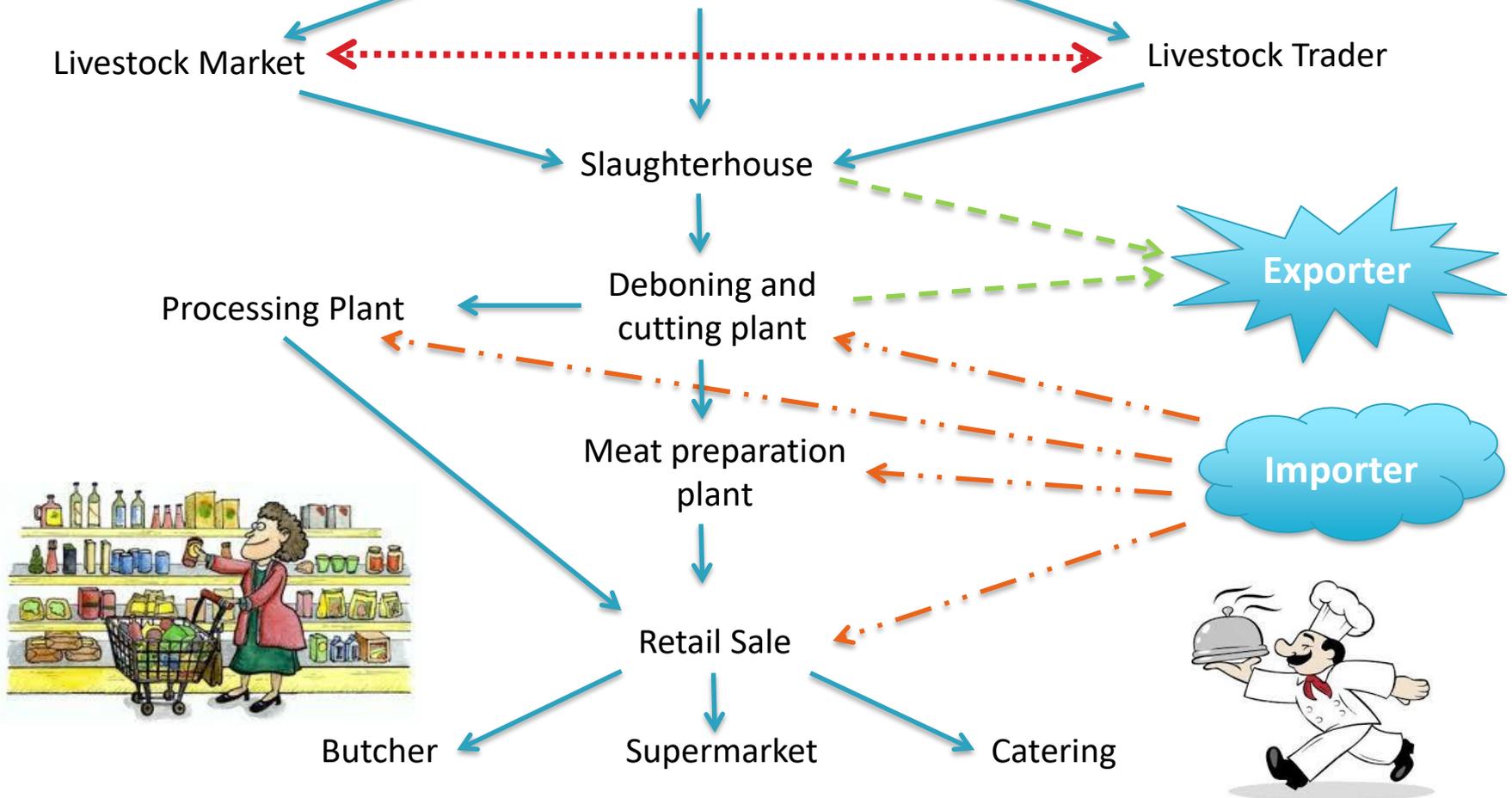




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Farmer



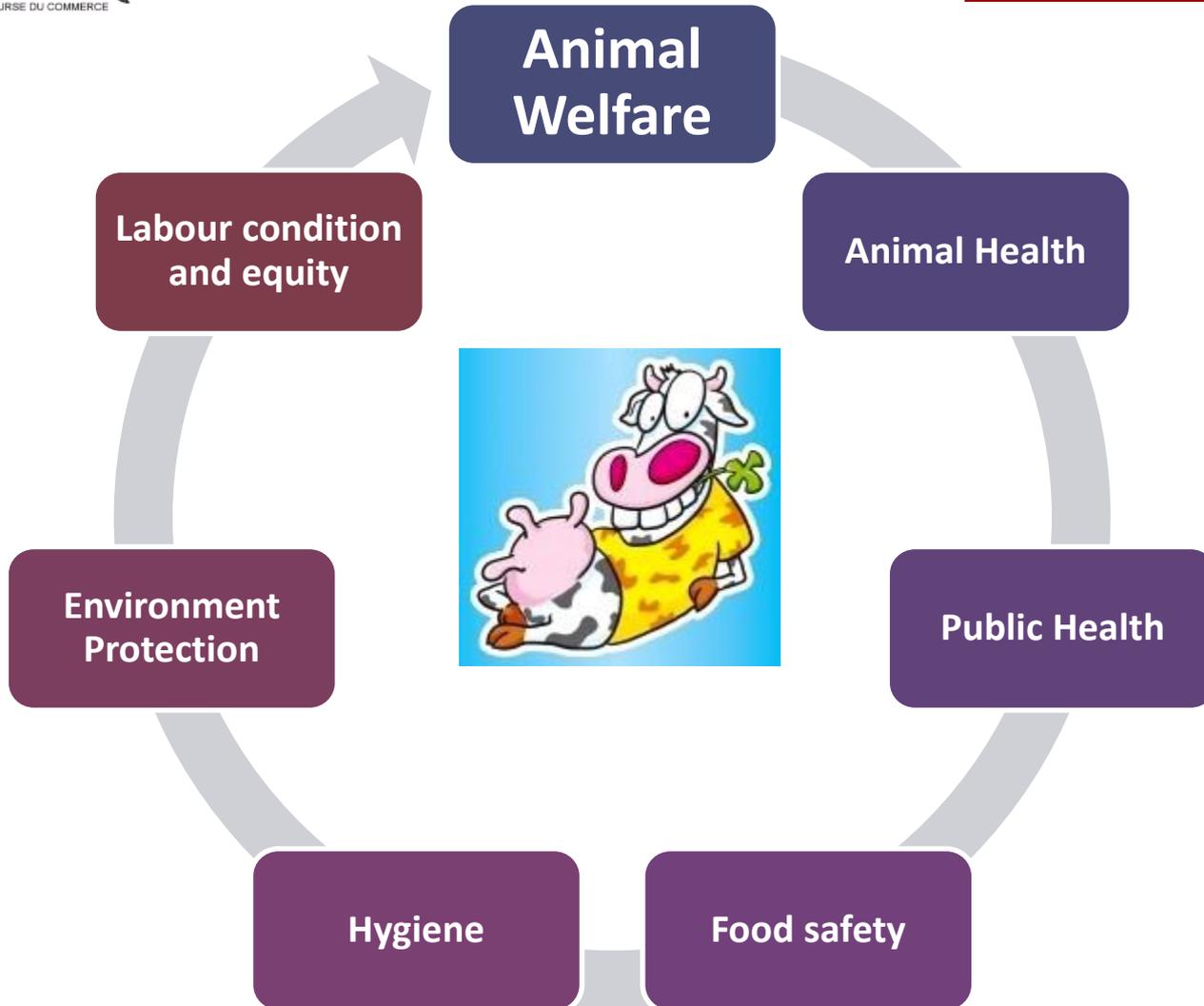
- For the welfare of the animal itself;
- To meet the civil society's expectations;
- To contribute to the quality of meat;
- To comply with the legal provisions:

Regulation (EC) 853/2004

Regulation (EC) 1/2005

Regulation (EC) 1099/2009







Guidelines:

HoMeFe

**Manual for the Animal Welfare of horses
during transport and slaughtering**

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Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of Pigs



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In collaboration with:

- EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS
- COPA-COGECA
- ANIMALS' ANGELS
- INAPORC
- COOPERL Arc Atlantique
- FVE (Federation of Veterinarians of Europe)
- ELT (European Livestock Transporters)
- IRU (International Road Transport Union)

Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of Equidae (Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and their Hybrids)



Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of *Equidae*

In collaboration with:

- WORLD HORSE WELFARE
- FEEVA (Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations)
- ANIMALS' ANGELS
- ATA (Animal Transportation Association)
- AUSTRIAN FEDERAL CHAMBER OF VETERINARY SURGEONS
- AWIN (Animal Welfare Indicators)
- BCP-CBC (Belgian Confederation for the Horse)
- COPA-COGECA (European Farmers and Agri-Cooperatives)
- EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS
- FISE (Italian Equestrian Sports Federation)
- FVE (Federation of Veterinarians of Europe)
- FFE-PSV (French Equestrian Federation)



Animal Welfare at Livestock Markets

Guide to best practice



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- ANIMALS' ANGELS
- FMBV (Fédération Française des Marchés de Bétail Vif)



CEN “Project Committee Halal food”



The involvement of UECBV in the CEN “Project Committee Halal food” is a win-win situation:

important data can be collected from the EU meat industry

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the industry could better understand and familiarize with the CEN standards and a larger acceptance can be reached



Animal Welfare Indicators

- Creation of a simpler version of the scoring system presented by Temple Grandin using 20 main points to be checked at the point of arrival of trucks (livestock markets, control posts, slaughterhouses and farm-to-farm).
- Depending on the size of the trucks and the input of the establishment, a number of 20 lorries per day could be considered.
- Inspection period could be 2 or 3 days in a row per month, for a trial period of 3-4 months.
- The audits will be announced.

At the beginning, two species only would be considered (cattle and pigs); however, a further collaboration with a.v.e.c (poultry) will be considered.

The objective is to assess the quality of the transport thanks to independent audits and checks.



- **Guidance document for transport of horses for slaughter**
- **Guidance document for transportability of sheep and goats**
- **EU Commission pilot project on best practices for animal transport (May 2015/April 2018)**
- **Training in countries where EU is exporting live cattle and live sheep**





Disposal of certain categories of horses An EU problem requiring interventions



Facts

- In the EU 7 Million horses
- 50% excluded from the food chain (lifetime exclusion)

Reasons of exclusion

- By choice of the owner
- Not identified at all
- Not identified within the deadline
- Administration of unauthorized substances



Result

- **Excluded horses**
 - have no residual value
 - incur a cost for their appropriate disposal
- **Excluded horses become unwanted horses**
- **Unwanted horses become**
 - uncared
 - neglected
 - abandoned



Risks

- animal welfare problems
- identification fraud
- illegal slaughter
- food fraud

→ another horse meat scandal



Proposed solution

Put excluded horses back in the food chain

Goal

- a) reduce the number of horses in the unwanted category dealing with the equine welfare issue
- b) avoid the needless waste of a valuable source of protein

How ?

- provisional measures to register all currently unregistered horses
- 6 months retention period before slaughter
or
- systematic testing of each carcass on a large scope of residues and
paid by the stakeholders

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Thank you very much for your attention!