



# Meat inspection - The European farmers' perspective

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# Who are Copa and Cogeca?

## **Copa – European farmers**

Bringing together 60 EU farmers' Organisations



## **Cogeca – European agricooperatives**

Bringing together 35 EU agricultural cooperative organisations



# Who are Copa and Cogeca?

## Two organisations...

- representing 30 million farmers and their families
- as well as around 40,000 cooperatives
- with strong links to other European countries
- among the largest and most active interest representations in Brussels



# Aims of meat inspection

- Animal health
- Animal welfare
- Food safety



# Animal health

## Animal Health Strategy

Biosecurity:

Prevention of spreading of exotic diseases

Information of  
health status in herds

Meat inspection part  
of early detection/  
documentation of  
freedom



# Animal welfare

Farmers' responsibility

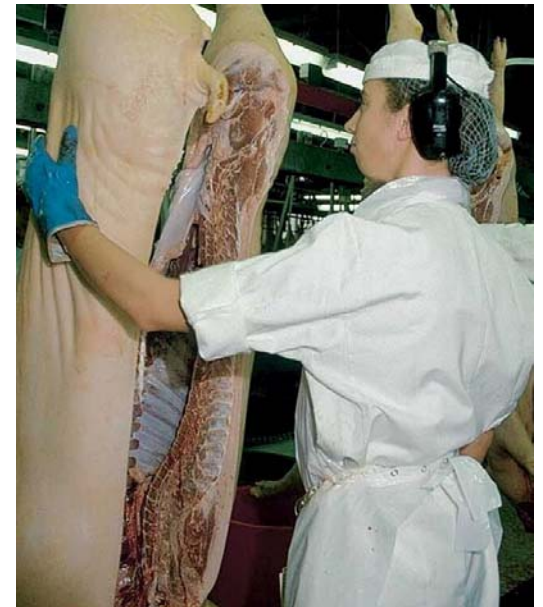
Meat inspection a source of information

Meat inspection  
= effective  
inspection



# Food safety

Control of meat must address the actual hazards



# Cost-effectiveness

Holistic approach – stable to table

A risk-based approach

In a cost-effective way

Implying same or increased level of protection at lower or equal price