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“Food safety: a shared responsibility” Future of Meat Inspection: stakeholders’ contribution to the Commission round tables on the review of Meat Inspection

- DRAFT PROGRAMME -

Tuesday 14th September 2010 – COPA-COGECA meeting room

(Rue de Trèves n° 61, 1040 Brussels - Belgium)

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Morning Session

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| 8.30 – 9.00 | Registration/Welcoming of the participants |
| 9.00 – 9.05 | Welcome address by Pekka Pesonen (Copa-Cogeca Secretary General) |
| 9.05 – 9.20 | Opening the discussions:
Bernard Van Goethem (EU Commission - DG SANCO - Deputy Director General for the Food chain) |
| 9.20 – 9.40 | “A focused meat inspection – today and the future”
Robert Huey - Senior-President of the FVE Section of veterinary hygienists |
| 9.40 – 10.00 | “Food chain information/animal health/animal welfare/ante mortem inspection: strong and weak points of the systems – Vision for the future”
Per Olsen , Chairman of the COPA-COGECA working party on animal health and welfare |
| 10.00 – 10.20 | “Meat inspection on a daily basis for food business operators: the responsibility chain cannot be broken”
Flemming Thune-Stephensen , Chairman of the UECBV working group on veterinary issues |
| 10.20 – 11.00 | Debate |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee break |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | “Pilot projects and modernisation of meat inspection: what lessons to be learned?”
(FR for poultry; NL) |
| 12.00 – 12.45 | Debate |
| 12.45 – 14.15 | Lunch break |

Afternoon session

- 14.15 – 14.35 **“Legislative framework – New legislation / New responsibility – strong and weak points of the hygiene package - what’s next?”**
A representative of the group of “Like Minded MS/Lyon group”
- 14.35 – 15.00 **“A risk based meat inspection – what role for the risk assessor”**
An EFSA representative
- 15.00 – 17.00 **Panel discussions: What prerequisites for the future?**
- Moderator: **Martijn Weijtens** (Head of the food safety policy unit, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Netherlands)
- **What goals must be reached** (check list for a successful system)?
 - **What tools and what means** (food chain information, guides, certification schemes, RASFF, risk based assessments etc)
 - **Self controls and official controls** (flexibility vs. safeguard measures)
 - **EU meat inspection in a global market** – International recognition
- Members of the European Parliament, FVO, FVE, COPA-COGECA, UECBV
- 17.00 – 17.30 **Conclusions**

