



Animal Health

Animal Health Law adoption

On 8 March 2016 the Animal Health Law, now named [Regulation on transmissible animal diseases](#), has been adopted. Published in the EU Official Journal on 31

March 2016, it will be applicable five years thereafter to allow the drafting of the secondary legislation. FVE welcomes the adoption, especially because it lays down provisions on farm animal health visits. All farmers will be visited by a veterinarian for disease prevention, detection and biosecurity. Farmers and other animal owners will be required to apply the principles of good animal husbandry and the prudent and responsible use of veterinary medicines.

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Official Controls Legislation

FVE is carefully following the current dialogue between the 3 Institutions (EU Commission, European Parliament and the Council of the EU chaired by the Dutch Presidency) on the Official Controls legislative proposal. A recent meeting was held in March and most of the discussion focused on the drafting of secondary legislation (delegated acts and implementing acts). Next dialogue is currently on going.

Update will be provided soon.



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FESASS and FVE working together

On 23 February 2016, a debate on animal health and food safety took place in the European Parliament in Bruxelles.

The event, organised by FVE and FESASS (European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security) was chaired by the Member of the European Parliament Mr. M. Dantin. The debate was attended by about 10 MEPs and their assistants, representatives of the European Commission, FESASS, UEVP and FVE. The discussion focused on the present situation, main challenges and the growing role of the European Parliament in respect to animal health and food safety. Mr. R. Laguens, FVE President, focused his speech on the animal health challenges and on the “One Health” approach. Mr. D. Delmotte, FESASS president, urged for a collective response and good partnership for improving together the health of the animals.

Next meeting will be in June 2016 and will focus on comparing the animal health systems in the US and in Europe.

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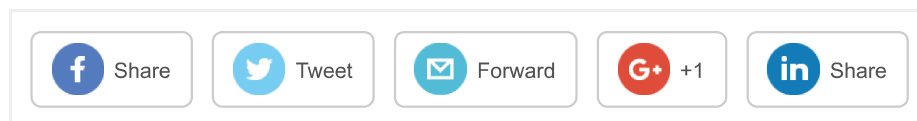
Fitness for transport of livestock: guidelines released

FVE has actively participated in the drafting of these guidelines along with several NGOs involved in the health and welfare and transport of animals. These are practical guidelines aiming to assess fitness for transport of pigs, equidae, in collaboration with FEEVA (horses, ponies, donkeys and their hybrids) and bovines. Copies are available upon request (nancy@fve.org) or can be downloaded from the FVE restricted website.

The European Commission has recently published **recommendations** on the prevention of tail docking and on the provision of suitable enrichment materials in pigs. FVE has given extensive input into the development of this document ([FVE press release](#)). These recommendations along with the [annex](#) are helpful tools for all veterinarians working with pigs.

[Recommendations](#)

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Pig castration: FVE report available

In November 2015 the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe with the support of its members carried out a survey on pig castration. Overall 25 countries participated in the survey. The aim was to see the progress made in respect to the European Declaration on pig castration aiming to phase out the



surgical castration of pigs by 2018. The declaration also requests that since 1 January 2012, surgical castration of pigs shall only be performed with prolonged analgesia and/or anaesthesia.

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Epruma new chairman

EPRUMA appointed as new Chairman the FVE-Vice President Rens van Dobbenburgh. Mr. van Dobbenburgh also chairs the FVE/UEVP Medicines Working Group. He will lead EPRUMA for a 3-years' period, succeeding Mr. Gwyn Jones (Copa-Cogeca/NFU). EPRUMA is a multi-stakeholder platform linking best practice with animal health and public health. It aims to promote the responsible use of medicines in animals in the European Union.

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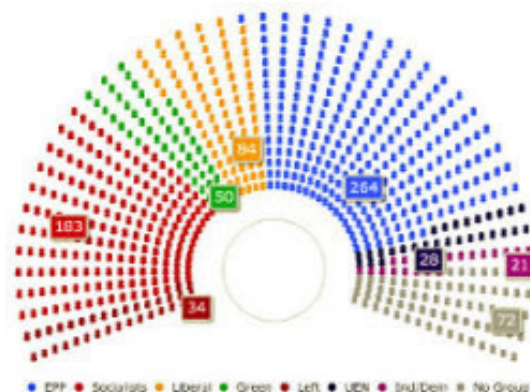
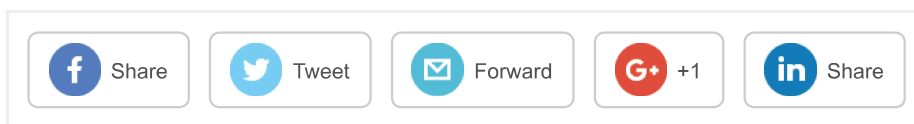


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EFSA-EMA consultation: FVE contributions

On 23 December 2015 an ad-hoc joint EFSA-EMA Working Group requested FVE to provide input on antimicrobial use in food-producing animals in Europe and on possible measures to reduce antimicrobial use. Six questions were asked for all main food-producing species (e.g. cattle, pigs, poultry, aquaculture, equids, rabbits, farmed game and bees). The information provided by FVE is intended to be used by the WG and will be annexed to the Joint EFSA-EMA Opinion. The joint EFSA-EMA Working Group also asked FVE to provide information on the importance of colistin for the veterinary medicine (e.g. estimated frequency of use, target indications, estimation of the use per animal species, experiences on colistin resistance risk management measures).

Both FVE answers are available upon request.



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Veterinary medicines legislation: adoption in the Plenary

On 10 March 2016 the European Parliament voted in the plenary on the proposal to amend the EU law on veterinary medicines. This vote is an important step in the EU co-decision process. FVE welcomes the plenary vote and is happy to see that the European Parliament put much emphasis on fighting antimicrobial resistance in animals and people. The Parliament clearly recognized that "*prevention is better than cure*" and the important role of veterinarians in keeping animals healthy. It also recognized that when animals become sick and treatment is needed, the veterinarian plays a crucial role in the examination of the animals, making the diagnosis and in the prescribing of medicines.



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Education ECCVT

The European Coordinating Committee on Veterinary Training met in Brussels on 22 March 2016. The Committee, chaired by FVE President R. Laguens, welcomed two new members on behalf of EAEVE, namely Prof. Antti Sukura from Finland and Prof. Luis Tavares from Portugal. Two joint statements were formally agreed:

1. [Animal Welfare Officer in slaughterhouses: a post for the graduate veterinarians;](#)
2. [Briefing paper on policy on veterinary education.](#)

Next ECCVT meeting will take place on 21 September 2016.



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Education Veterinary Continuous Education in Europe (VetCEE)

VetCEE evaluates continuing professional development programmes. It also develops separate dossier of competences for the different species based on the VetCEE standard. Programmes that successfully pass the evaluation are approved by the VetCEE Board and granted the VetCEE logo.

VetCEE encourages all programme providers to get

in contact with the Secretariat for any clarifications or specific questions related to their programme.

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EFSA-ECDC summary report on AMR: 3 question for B. Url

On 11 February 2016 EFSA and ECDC issued a joint [European Union Summary Report on antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic and indicator bacteria from humans, animals and food for 2014](#).

The findings of this annual Europe-wide report underline again that antimicrobial resistance poses a serious risk to human and animal health.

FVE asked EFSA Executive Director Mr. Bernard Url to comment the main results.

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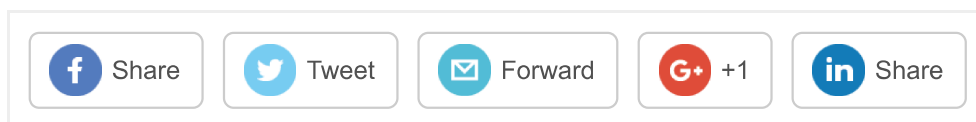
WVA: World veterinary day award 2016

30 April 2016 - To celebrate the World Veterinary Day (WVD) that will take place globally on 30 April 2016, the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) are organising the **World Veterinary Day Award 2016**. The aim is to reward the most successful contribution by the veterinary

profession on the selected theme for 2016: *Continuing Education with a One Health focus*. The competition is open to all WVA member associations, alone, or in cooperation with any other selected body.

The winner association of the 2016 Award will be presented at the Opening Ceremony of the OIE 84th General Session to be held in Paris, France on 22 May 2016.

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