Better Training for Safer Food Initiative

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Better Training for Safer Food is an initiative of the European Commission aimed at organising an EU training strategy in the areas of food law, feed law, animal health and animal welfare rules, as well as plant health rules.
Implementation of legal provisions in the field - Holding Identification

Module 2.2
Introduction on EU legal provisions and possible approaches for holding identification
Sharing of experiences on different approaches
Round Table Discussion
Importance of holding identification

- Animal traceability: where the animal is and where it has been...
- Animal health: health status management...
- Food safety: call back of products in case of contaminants in specified areas (dioxin, heavy metals...)
Main concepts

Address
Postal
Coordinates *

Holding: a location including buildings, grazing areas...

*for ovine & caprine
*for swine

Owner
A keeper responsible for the animals
Identifier

Food safety
Holding identification implementation

- Difficult to be implemented accurately
- Definitions may differ in details within EU
- Confusion with:
  - Farm: economic unit
  - Veterinarians entities concerning inspection
  - Epidemiology unit
- Small holders are often the most numerous
- Cessation of activities are partly known
- Merging and division are complicated to be taken into account
Holding identifier

- Only for pigs
- EU holding identifier:
  - Country code with two letters
  - Unique number within country
- Examples: UK 171688, FR 17 089678
- A possible common reference for several species
Round Table Discussion

Sharing of experiences on the different approaches for the identification of holdings and other locations where animals are kept (i.e. grazing areas, market places ...)

Food safety
Thank you for your attention!
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