

Online conference dedicated to the World Day for Farmed Animals “Working together to ensure the welfare of farmed animals in Ukraine”

Dates: October 2-3, 2024

Duration: Kyiv time
October 2 - 9:30-13:00
October 3 - 9:00-13:00

Location: online

Videoconference: using the ZOOM platform (the link will be sent after registration via the link <https://forms.gle/UiwnUoT884vsYrUh8>)

Participants:

representatives of Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine, State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection, professional associations, business operators, educational and scientific institutions, international technical assistance projects (ITA projects), and other stakeholders.

Conference goal:

unite all target audiences and raise awareness of the importance of harmonizing national legislation on welfare of farmed animals to EU requirements, of implementing animal welfare requirements during keeping, slaughtering and transporting of farmed animals and of the functioning of an effective official control system on compliance with these requirements for European integration and the development of international trade.

Program:

Day 1, October 2 (Wednesday)		
Time	Agenda	Speaker/moderator
9:30-10:00	Welcoming and opening of the conference Presentation of the goal and agenda of the conference	Taras Vysotskyi , First Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine (MAPF) Sergiy Tkachuk , Head of the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection (SSUFSCP) Manon Schuppers , International Expert of the Dairy Sector Component, Swiss-Ukrainian Program “Higher Value Added Trade from the Organic and Dairy Sector in Ukraine” (QFTP), Co-CEO SAFOSO AG



Session 1. EU legal framework and experience to ensure welfare of farmed animals		
Moderator: Iryna Vysotska , Coordinator of the Dairy Sector Component, QFTP		
10:00-10:25	European organisation and legal framework for welfare of farmed animals: current requirements and which changes are expected	Representative of the EC (TBC)
10:25-10:40	Questions & Answers	All participants
10:40-11:05	Institutional structure for implementation of legal rules on welfare of farmed animals at EU Member State level	TBC
11:05-11:20	Questions & Answers	All participants
11:20-11:30	Break	
11:30-11:55	Experiences and challenges in implementing animal welfare rules in livestock production at EU Member State level	TBC
11:55-12:10	Questions & Answers	All participants
12:10-12:35	Slovenia: organisation and implementation of official controls on welfare of farmed animals at EU Member State level	Andreja Bizjak , Former Director of the Inspection for Food Safety, Veterinary Medicine and Plant Protection of the Republic of Slovenia
12:35-12:50	Questions & Answers	All participants
12:50-13:00	Summary and conclusion of Session 1	Iryna Vysotska , Coordinator of the Dairy Sector Component, QFTP
End of the 1st conference day		



Day 2, October 3 (Thursday)

Time	Agenda	Speaker/moderator
Session 2. Ukraine: on the way to ensure the welfare of farmed animals		
Moderator: Viktorija Lets , Senior National Expert of the Dairy Sector Component, QFTP		
9:00-9:05	Presentation of the agenda of Session 2	Viktorija Lets , Senior National Expert of the Dairy Sector Component, QFTP
9:05-9:25	Status of harmonization of the national legislation regarding welfare of farmed animals to EU requirements	Vitalii Kryuchkov , Head of the Unit for Veterinary Medicine and Animal Welfare of the Department of State Policy in the Field of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Food Security, MAPF
9:25-9:35	Questions & Answers	All participants
9:35-9:55	What are the key responsibilities of business operators that keep, transport and slaughter farmed animals to ensure animal welfare?	Vitaliy Bashynskyi , Senior Non-key Veterinary Expert, EU Project "Continued Support to align Ukrainian legislation, control and awareness with EU acquis in food safety, animal health and welfare, and phytosanitary" (EU4SaferFood) (TBC)
9:55-10:05	Questions & Answers	All participants
10:05-10:25	Training system of the staff involved in the keeping, transporting and slaughtering of farmed animals on the requirements of animal welfare legislation	Viktorija Lets , Senior National Expert of the Dairy Sector Component, QFTP
10:25-10:35	Questions & Answers	All participants
10:35-10:55	Current status of the implementation of the official control system on farmed animals' welfare in Ukraine	Oleksii Klymenok , Head of the Animal Health and Welfare Unit of the Directorate of Animal Health and Welfare, Organization of Anti-Epizootic Measures of the Department



		of Food Safety and Veterinary Medicine, SSUFSCP
10:55-11:05	Questions & Answers	All participants
11:05-11:15	Break	
11:15-11:35	Necessity to update curricula of professional educational institutions of Ukraine according to national legislation on animal welfare	Nataliia Hryshchenko , expert of ERASMUS+ EU project Sustainable Livestock Production and Animal Welfare (SULAWE)
11:35-11:45	Questions & Answers	All participants
11:45-12:45	Discussion on challenges faced by business operators during implementation animal welfare requirements during keeping, transportation and slaughtering of farmed animals and possible solutions to resolve the challenges	Representatives of the professional associations, MAPF and SSUFSCP, ITA projects
12:45-13:00	Summary and conclusion of Session 2 Closing remarks	Viktorija Lets Vitalii Kryuchkov Oleksii Klymenok Manon Schuppers
13:00	End of conference	

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