



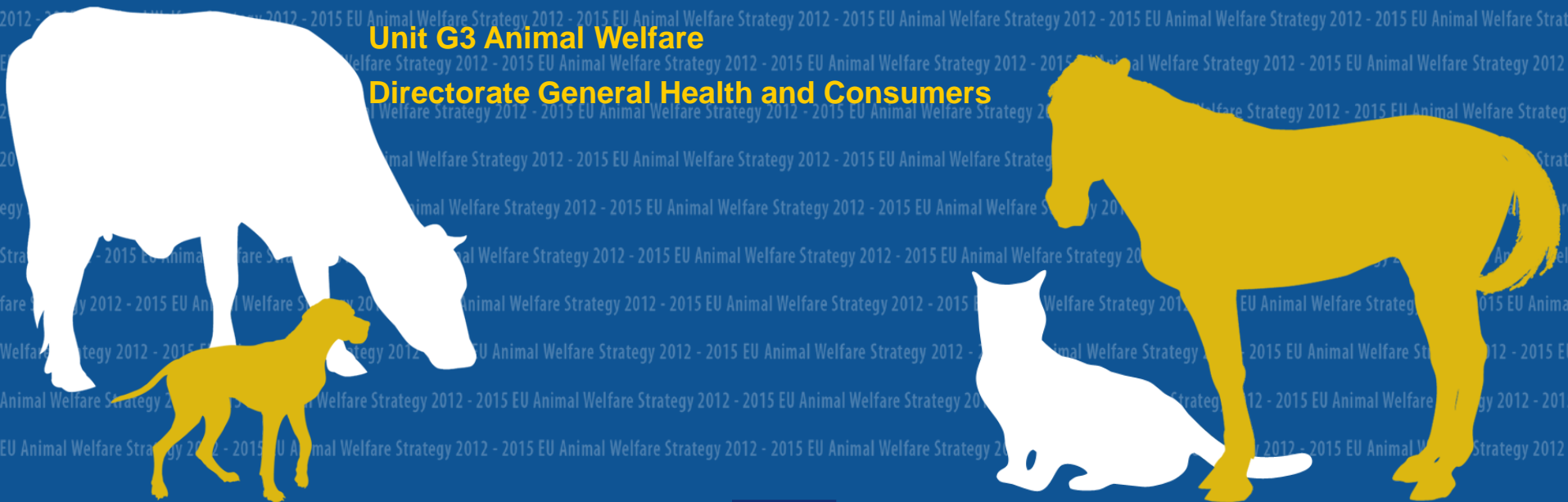
EU Animal Welfare Strategy 2012 - 2015

« Everyone is responsible »

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Introduction

Community Action Plan 2006-2010

Paulsen's report: May 2010

*Evaluation on the EU policy on animal welfare:
Dec 2010*

New Strategy: Jan 2012

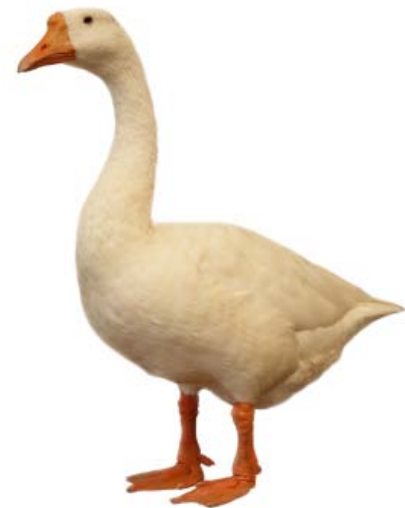


Problem areas

- *Lack of enforcement of EU legislation*
- *Consumers' lack of information*
- *Many stakeholders' lack of knowledge*
- *Need to simplify and develop clear principles for all animals*

Two folds strategy

- *A new legal framework for animal welfare
= **holistic** approach to tackle horizontal
issues*
- *Reinforcing/Optimising existing actions*



A simplified legal framework

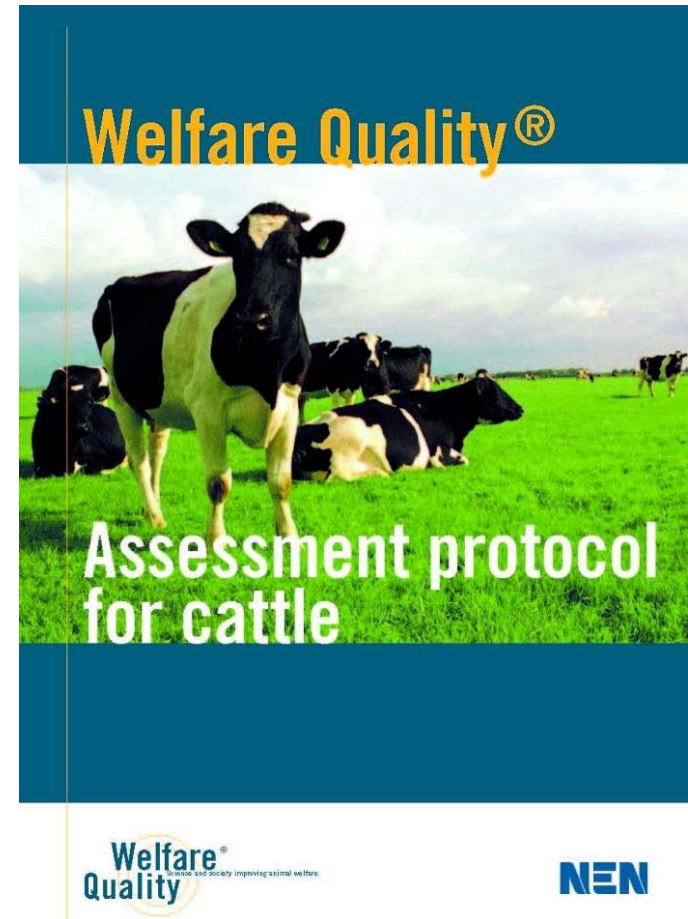
- 1. Use of outcome-based indicators*
- 2. Increase transparency for consumers*
- 3. A European Network of Reference Centres*
- 4. Streamlining requirements for competence of staff*



A simplified legal framework

1. *Use of outcome-based indicators*

- Scientifically validated
- Simplification of the acquis
- Already introduced (broilers, slaughter)
- Welfare Quality and risk assessment
- Internationally recognised by the OIE



A simplified legal framework



2. Increase transparency to consumers

- Ensuring consumers that animal welfare claims are transparent and scientifically relevant
- Legislative and non legislative options will be explored to enhance consumer empowerment

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3. *European Network of reference centres*

- **Already discussed in 2009**
- **Technical support for indicators**
- **Training courses**
- **Dissemination of research and innovation**
- **Coordination of EU research**



A simplified legal framework

4. *Requirement for competence*

- Consolidate and improve existing requirements
- Identify, prevent or limit pain, suffering and distress for the animals
- Know legal obligations
- Design of processes, facilities and equipments applicable to animals?
- Study on animal welfare education



Reinforcing existing EU actions

Improve compliance

- FVO missions – Infringement proceedings
- BTSF for all animals
- Thematic working groups for enforcement
- Guidelines and implementing rules



Reinforcing existing EU actions

International cooperation

- **Bilateral cooperations through FTA and cooperation forums**
- **Multilateral activities in the OIE and FAO**
- **EU neighbourhood policy**
- **Organising major international events**
- **Report on AW and competitiveness in a globalised world**



Reinforcing existing EU actions

Provide information to consumers and public:

- **Farmland and BTSF**
- **Study on animal welfare education and information**
- **Considering financial support for transnational information campaigns or educational initiatives**



Reinforcing existing EU actions

Optimising the CAP

- Most EU budget on animal welfare through CAP in particular rural development measures
- Need to reinforce internal cooperation on cross-compliance, rural development, promotional measures, quality policy, organic farming, etc.



Conclusions

- *A new fundamental approach having a general and long term effects: **More business and outcomes oriented***
- *Priority in maintaining efforts in **current actions***
- *A clear action plan to better **communicate and educate***



Thank you for your attention!

