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Training workshop on AW during stunning and killing in disease control situations

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Case study n. 3

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CASE STUDY N°3:

"OUTBREAK OF A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE IN PIGS"

Introduction

The competent authority stated that a pig breeding farm (15 sows and 150 piglets different aged) is suspected of a contagious disease. The farm is located isolated, however at the border of the control and eradication zone. The competent authority decided that all the pigs at the farm should be killed at the farm and informed the farmer. The family that holds the farm is a farmer, his wife and 2 children of 8 and 12 years old. The whole family lives very close and has an emotional contact with the pigs.

Response of the farmer

1. Social aspects: According to the farmer it is emotionally not possible for the family to see the animals are killed at the farm. Especially for his wife and children it is impossible to handle with this situation. The farmer requested that the animals are transported to a slaughter house if it is needed to kill them.
2. Animal welfare aspects: All sows and piglets are in excellent health. The local veterinarian of the farm stated that there is no risk of an outbreak at the farm since the animals are in excellent health, the farm is isolated and located far from infected farms. It is requested not to kill the animals but keep them under control.
3. Economical aspects: The sows are of a special breed and have a very high value. When they will be killed it is impossible to start again at this breeding level. It means that the farmer had to stop his activity which means that there is no income anymore for the family.

Question

What is your decision and answer to the farmer concerning these 3 items?

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