



Better Training for Safer Food Initiative

Training course on "Animal Welfare during transport"

Long journeys: use of control posts and assessment of travel conditions

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Control posts

“Control posts (CPs) are places where animals are rested for at least 12 hours or more **pursuant** to point 1.5 or 1.7(b) of Chapter V of Annex I to Regulation (EC) 1/2005 (1).”

1.5: “after the journey time laid down, animals must be unloaded, fed and watered and be rested for at least **24 hours**.”

1.7 (b): “In the case of transport by sea on a regular and direct link between two geographical points of the Community by means of vehicles loaded on to vessels without unloading of the animals, the latter must be rested for 12 hours after unloading at the port of destination or in its immediate vicinity unless the journey time at sea is such that the voyage can be included in the general scheme of points 1.2. to 1.4.”



Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/97

The Regulation provides for Community criteria for control posts.

The **Competent Authority** (CA) shall approve and issue an approval number for each control post.

The approval may be limited to a particular species or to certain categories of animal and health status.

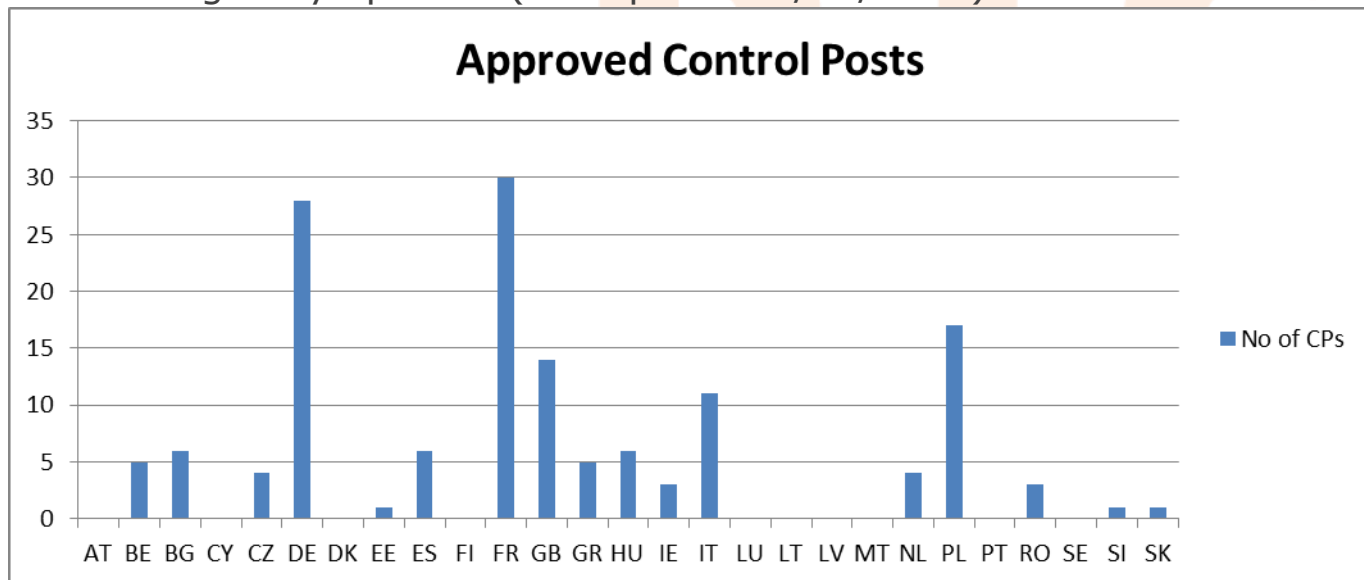
The authorisation can be issued only once the Competent Authority has checked that the CP complies with the relevant requirements and approved it.

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List of approved control posts

Member States shall notify the Commission the list of approved control posts and any updates (Art.3 Council Regulation (EC) 1255/97).

Control posts are listed by the DG SANCO of the European Commission and the list is regularly updated (last update 14/05/2014).



Continuation of the journey: fitness to travel

SECTION 3 PLACE OF DESTINATION

1. KEEPER at the place of destination/OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN - Name and address (*)			
2. Place and Member State of destination/Checking point (*)		3. Date and time of the check	
4. CHECKS PERFORMED		5. OUTCOME OF THE CHECKS	
		5.1. COMPLIANCE	5.2. RESERVATION(S)
4.1. Transporter Authorisation number (*)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.2. Driver Number of the certificate of competence		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.3. Means of transport Identification (*)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4. Space allowances Average space/animal in m ²		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.5. Journey log records and journey time limits		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.6. Animals (specify the number for each category)			
Total checked	U Unfit	D Dead	F Fit
6. I, the keeper of the animals at the place of destination/official veterinarian, hereby declare that I have checked this consignment of animals. According to my knowledge, at the time of the check the abovementioned findings were recorded. I am aware that the competent authorities must be informed as soon as possible of any reservation there may be and each time dead animals are discovered.			
7. Signature of the keeper at the place of destination/official veterinarian (with official stamp)			

Before the animals leave the CP, the **official veterinarian** (or any veterinarian designated for this purpose by CA) shall confirm on the journey log that the animals are **fit to continue their journey**.

Use of control posts

Control posts shall be used **exclusively** to receive, feed, water, rest, accommodate, care for and dispatch animals passing through .

Nevertheless derogations are possible.

Animals may be present at the same time at a CP only if they are of the same **certified health status** and if they belong to the approved species and category for that CP.

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GB	SP 72/03 Scotland	A+A Ewing Dumbertton Farm Annan – Dumfries + Galloway DG12 6RW	Tel : 01461 Fax : 01461	Cattle : 60 Sheep : 100	

Source: Doc. SANCO/2677/99 Rev.148



Control post criteria and responsibility

The owner or any natural or legal person running a control post shall be **responsible for compliance** with the relevant provisions of Regulation 1255/97.

Any control post must fulfil a number of

- Health and Hygiene measures
(e.g. Cleaning and disinfection of facilities, trucks and equipment; bedding, faeces and urine removal and collection)
- Construction and facilities
(e.g. suitable equipment and facilities available for the purpose of loading and unloading animal)
- Operations
(e.g. avoidance of unnecessary suffering or excitement to the animals through good handling)

Improvement of CPs: DG-Sanco actions

Building and renovation of high quality Control Posts (CP) according to high quality standards and develop valid, feasible and appropriate protocols to assess the improvement of animal welfare and develop a certification scheme for quality Control Posts

(Control Post I _ SANCO/2010/D5/CRPA/SI2.578062)

Project concluded May 2013



Expanding the number of control posts to be renovated under the same criteria as the previous action and extend the certification system to transporters involved in very long journeys.

(Control Post II _ SANCO/2011/G3/CRPA/SI2.610274)

Project ends December 2014

<http://www.controlpost.eu>

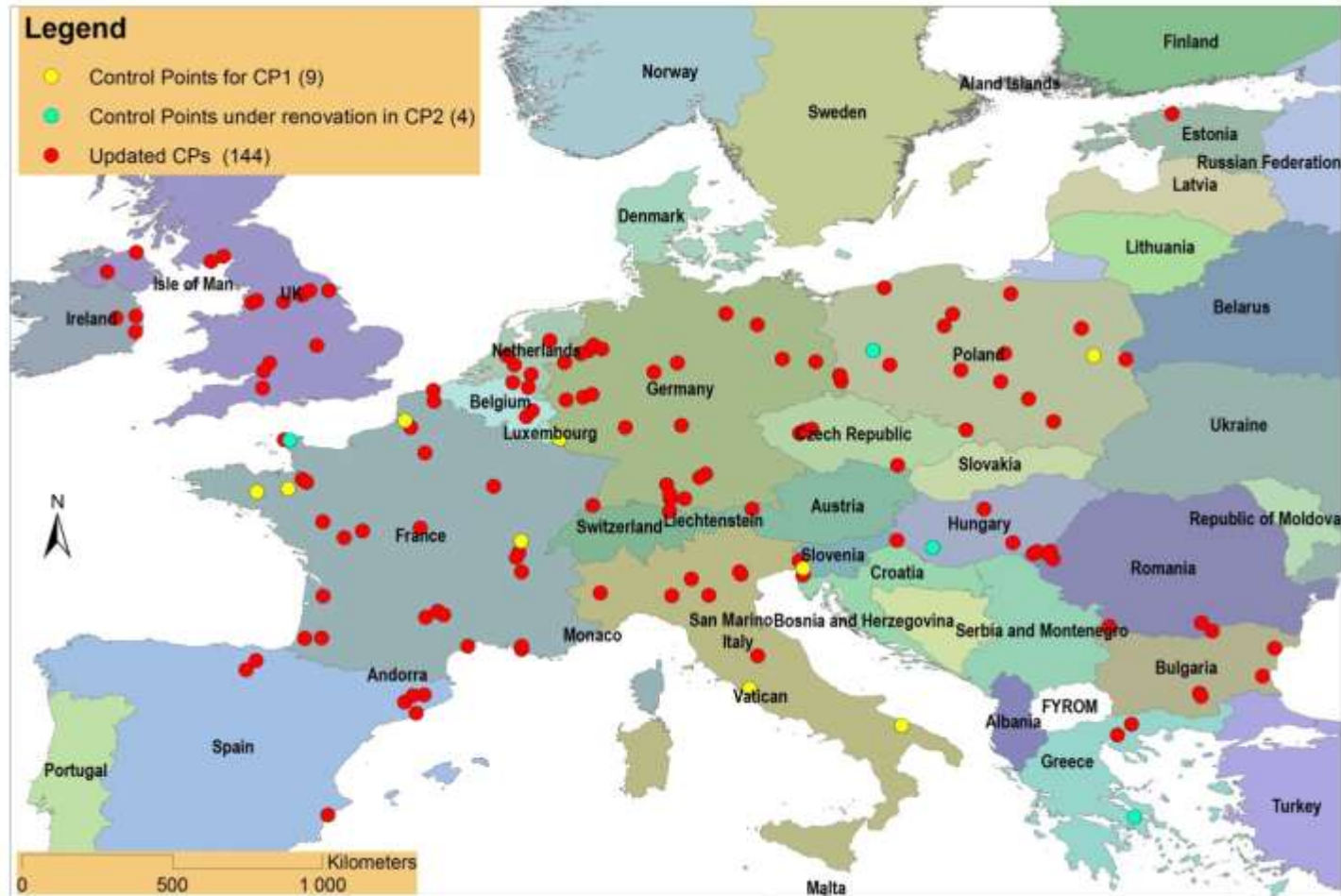
Control Post projects: scope

Overall the Control Post I and the Control Post II projects aim to improve the welfare of animals during travel in several ways:

- ✓ Direct actions on CP: amelioration of facilities to get better compliance with Regulations and to go further;
- ✓ Provide a scientific basis for evaluating the welfare of the animals at the CPs and during transport;
- ✓ Provide training to OV's, CP workers and transporters;
- ✓ Provide good practices manuals to CP workers and transporters.



Renewed Control Posts



Reliability



Work Package 2
Welfare assessment protocol for sheep during transport



Work Package 2
Welfare assessment protocol for horses during transport



Feasibility on the field

Call for proposals: SANCO-2011-10626
Grant Agreement no.: SANCO-2010-20-00493-1-1-0011

WUR, ICT, IRTA, ICT and CRPA

May 2012

Work Package 2
Welfare assessment protocol for cattle during transport



Authors:
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Repeatability



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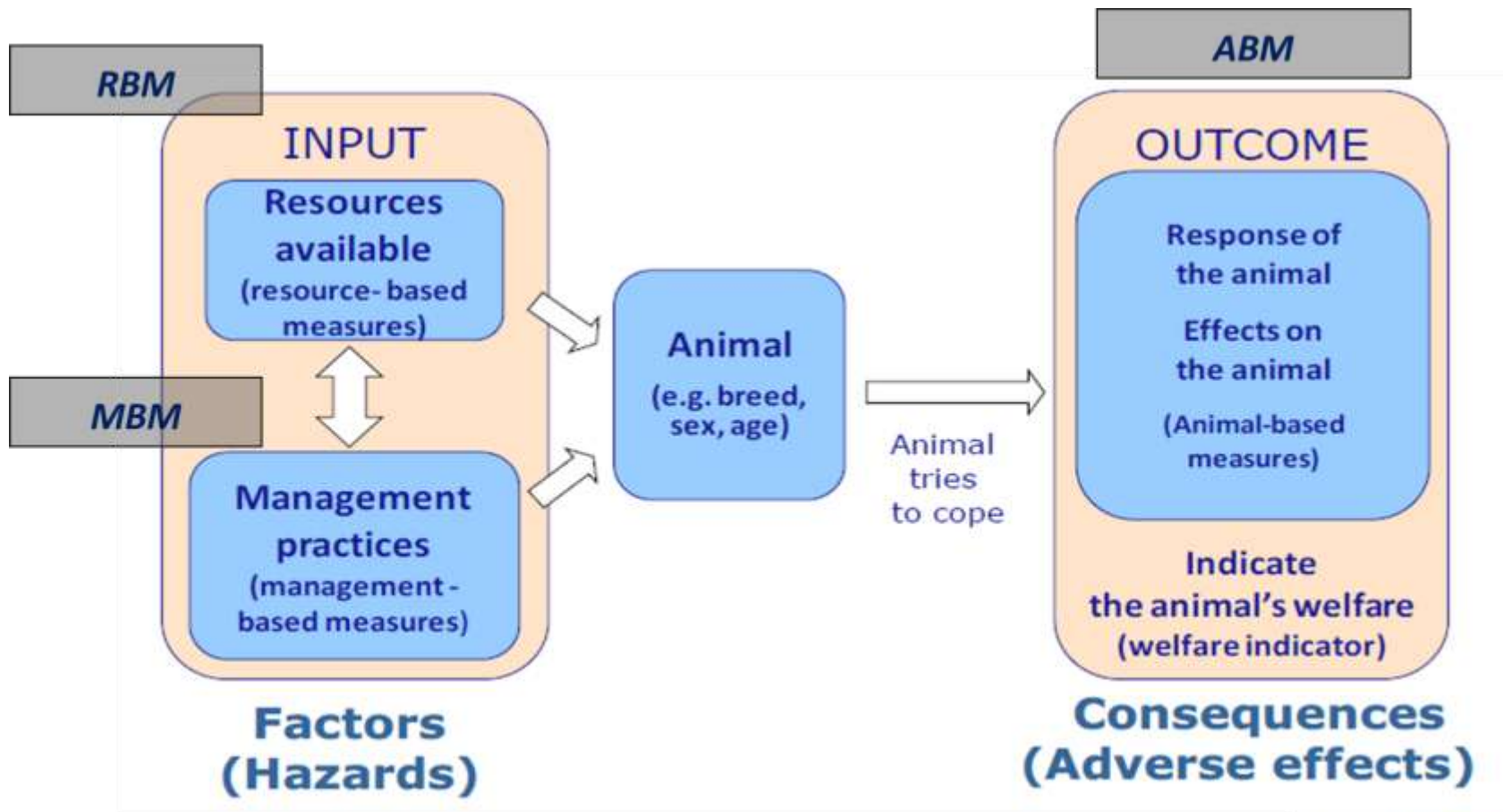
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Protocol development: approach



ABM vs. MBM/RBM

RBM and MBM: easy to define and highly reliable

BUT



Animals could react differently to the same inputs (=> different coping strategies)



Welfare Quality® emphasises on animal based (physiological, health and behavioural) measures to estimate the actual welfare state of the animals

Welfare is a condition of the animal

Animal based measures (ABM) are the most accurate reflection of welfare state

Animal Welfare assessment protocols

Good feeding



Welfare Quality[®] principles



Good housing



Good health



Appropriate behaviour



1_Unloading assessment



ABM

**Dead on arrival;
Non-ambulatory
(downer);
Reluctance to move;
Severe lameness;
Slipping;
Falling;
Fast gait;
Body Condition Score;
Sweating;
Severe injuries;
Coughing.**

MBM

**Moving excitedly;
Making loud noises;
Slapping;
Appropriate handling;
Forbidden practice.**

RBM

**Halters;
Deck height;
Ramp covering;
Ramp flooring;
Ramp lateral protections;
Gaps or steps ;
Ramp slope;
Foot battens;
Blocking zones
Lighting for
orientation/handling.**

2_Documental and truck check



MBM (truck check):

After unloading:

Sharp edges in the truck;

Individual stalls;

Area per horse;

Truck bedding;

Water supply: drinkers;

Temperature monitoring and control system.



3_Resting pen evaluation



ABM

**Dead in pen;
Hampered respiration;
Exhaustion;
Abdominal discomfort;
Increased respiratory rate;
Other severe health problems.**

20 minutes after unloading

Training and on field assessment



Development of an EU wide animal transport certification system and renovation of control posts in the EU



Welfare assessment protocol for cattle, pigs, horses and sheep during transport

Resource and transport based measures

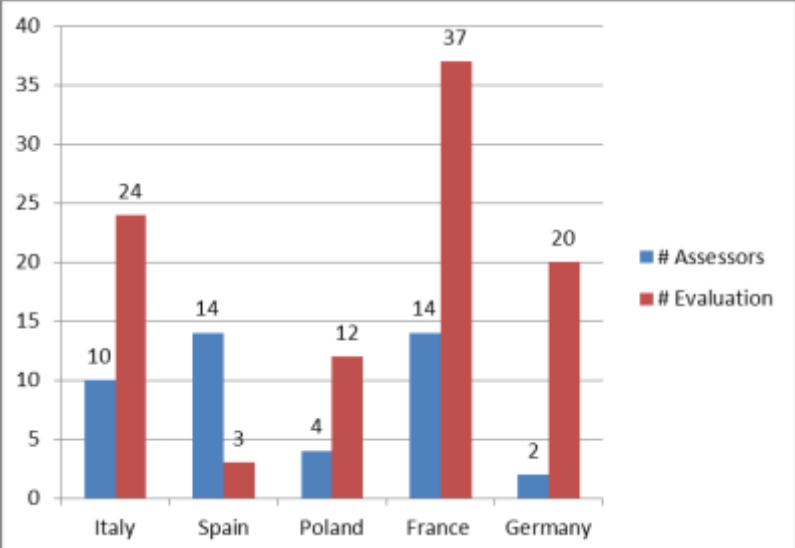






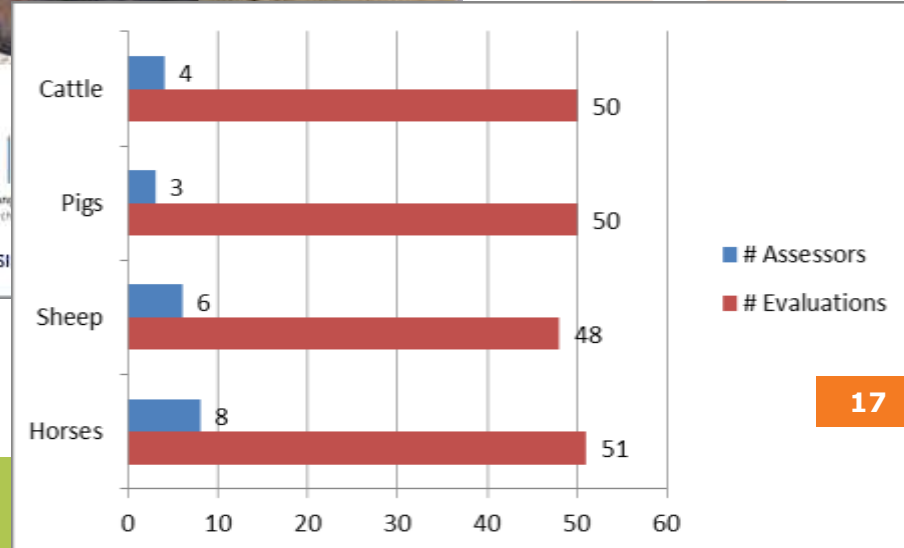

“Control Post I”

“Control Post II”

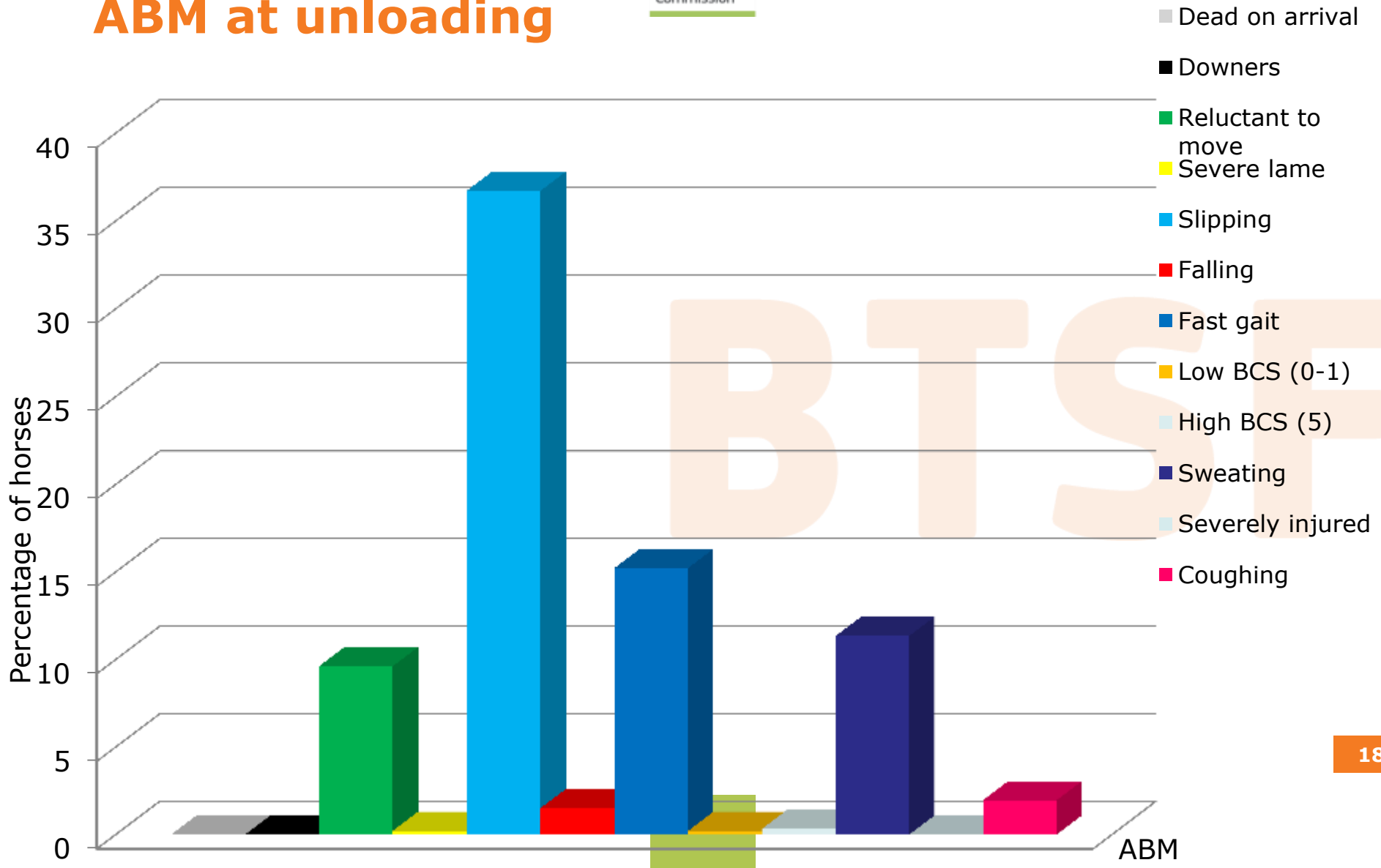


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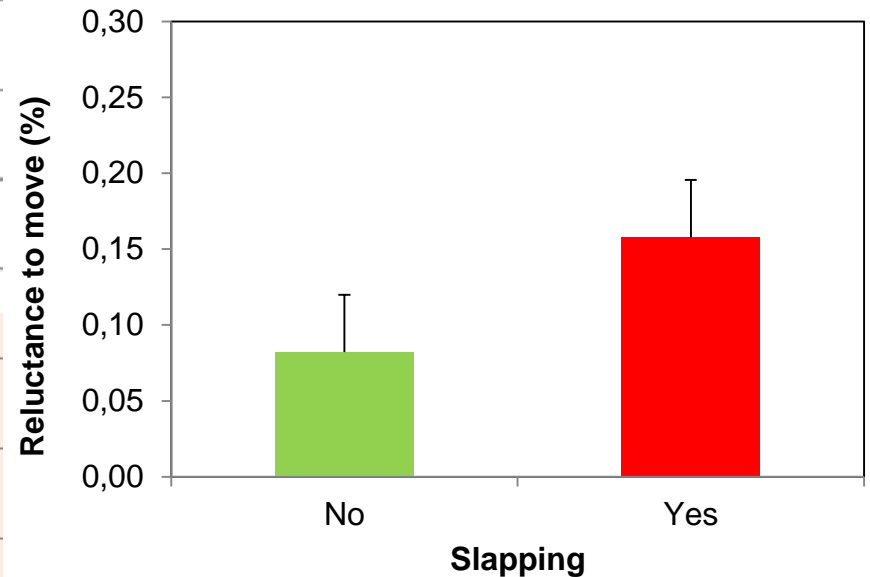
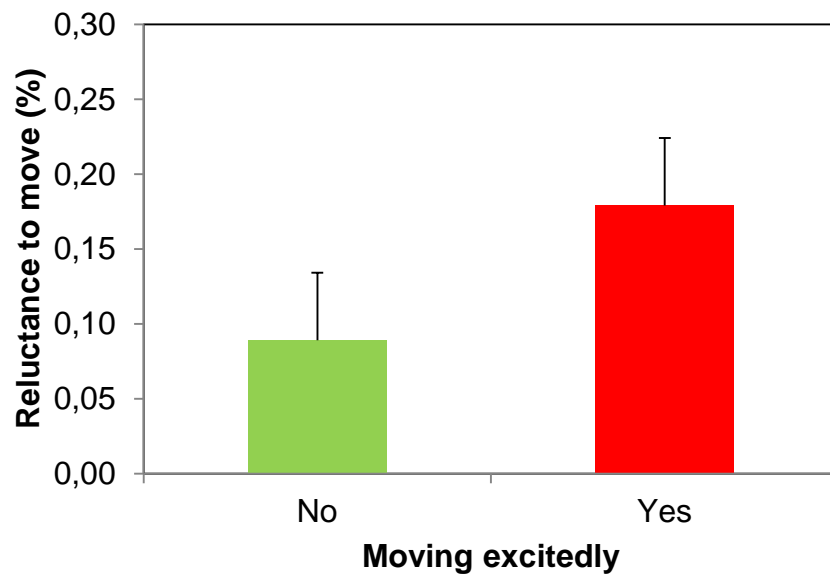
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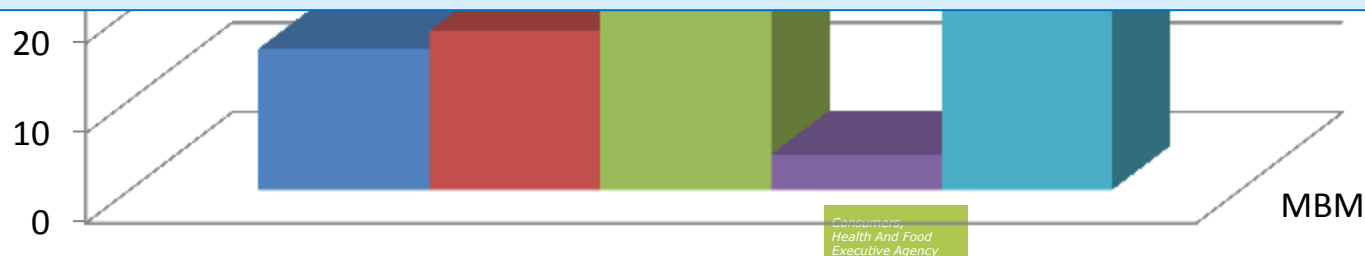
ABM at unloading



MBM at unloading

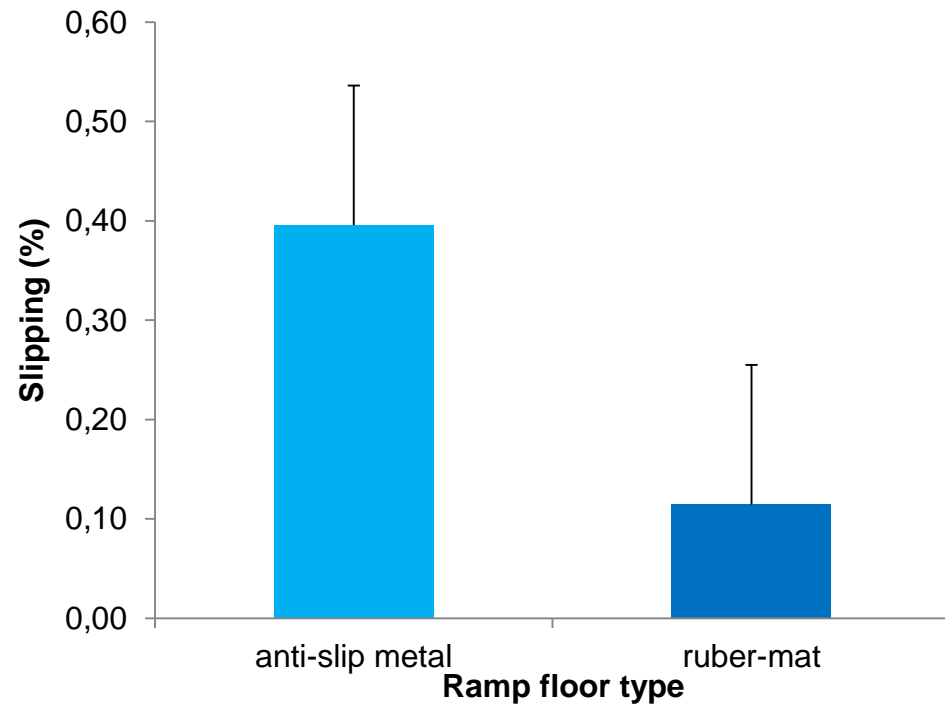
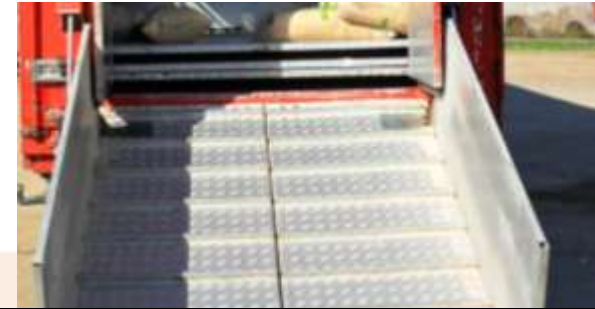
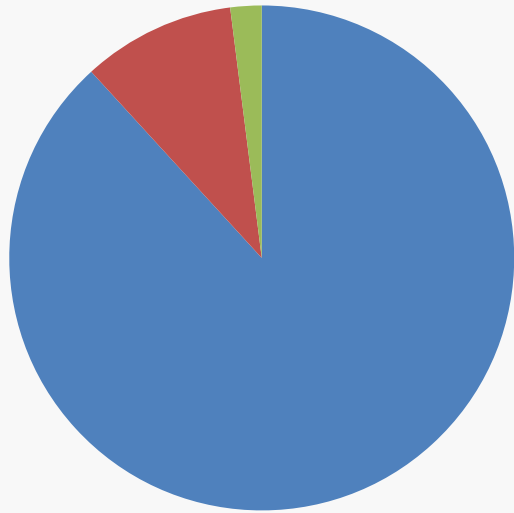


Reluctance to move was more frequent when bad management practices were carried out



RBM at unloading

Ramp type



Protocol application: what advantages?



The protocol appeared to be a practical and sensitive tool to assess horse welfare after transport.

It also allowed hazard identification.

Level of compliance with EC Regulation 1/2005 higher than expected from previous publications.

Bad management and bad unloading facilities increase the risk of horse welfare impairment.

The use of similar protocols might help in the verification of AW after long journeys and allows to identify criticalities.

Thank you for your attention

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