



# 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

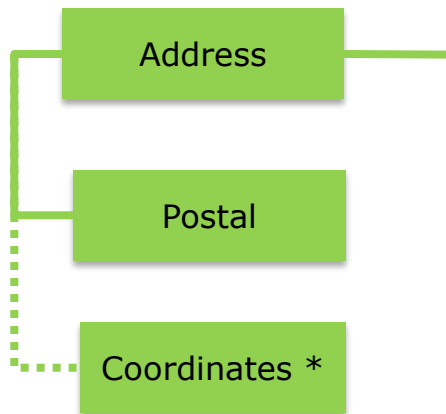
Round Table Discussion



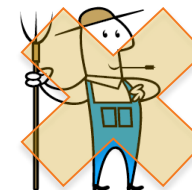
## Importance of holding identification

- 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...)

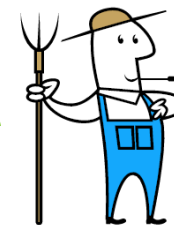
# Main concepts



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



Owner



A keeper  
responsible  
for the animals

Identifier

\*for ovine & caprine  
\*for swine

## 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 ...)



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**Thank you  
for your attention!**



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