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Re: **INVITATION to the FVE/Copa-Cogeca/UECBV joint seminar on “Food safety: a shared responsibility – Future of Meat Inspection” - Tuesday 14th September 2010, in Brussels**

Dear all,

Following the seminar on veterinary inspection organized by the French Presidency in July 2008 in Lyon, and in addition to the 3 round tables on the same issue scheduled by the DG SANCO in 2010, the European professional associations in the heart of the system (livestock farmers, slaughterhouses and veterinarians), represented respectively by Copa-Cogeca, FVE and UECBV, are organizing a seminar with the aim of establishing a state of play of the strong points and the weak points of the current system in order to determine the possible bases of a risk-based inspection. The common points and the issues for discussion will be highlighted. The pilot projects implemented in some Member States will be presented and lessons will be drawn.

A representative of Member States will also be given the opportunity to present the legal framework and their vision concerning the review of meat inspection. This will launch a discussion panel to which European political decision-makers will also participate (European Parliament, Commission).

The aim is to deepen dialogue between professionals, to take into account their concerns and to derive from them concrete proposals while building a constructive dialogue with the authorities. A report of the works of the seminar could be presented at the second Commission round table meeting in autumn 2010.

Therefore, Copa-Cogeca, FVE and UECBV have the pleasure to invite you to this seminar and would be pleased to hear and share your opinion on this topic.

Please find attached the draft programme and the registration form.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into English, French, Spanish, Italian, German and Polish. You can therefore choose to speak in any of these six languages.

For any queries concerning the organisation of the seminar, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ingrid MORVAN or Mr Zeev NOGA (+32 2 230 46 03; info@uecbv.eu).

Looking forward to your prompt reply,
yours sincerely,

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