

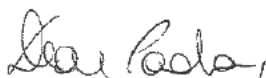
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**Subject: European Commission request to the European Food Safety Authority
for an update on the state of play of animal cloning**

Dear Mrs. Testori Coggi,

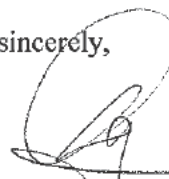


Referring to the request with reference SANCO/E6/JLDF/bs of received on 12 December 2011 for an update on possible scientific developments on the issue of cloning of farmed animals for food production purposes, we would like to inform you that EFSA accepts this request and to prepare a statement that will:

- Provide an update of the current knowledge on animal cloning using Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) and Embryonic Cell Nuclear Transfer (ECNT);
- Include information from new scientific evidence that could be derived from unpublished data which may be available from experts working in the area.

The draft EFSA statement will be submitted for discussion at the Scientific Committee plenary meeting on 22 May 2012 and finalised by the deadline of June 2012.

Yours sincerely,



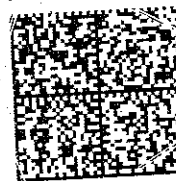
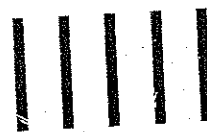
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