



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
 HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Deputy Director-General for Food Chain

Brussels,
 SANCO/E6/

Dear Sir or Madam,

Subject: Impact assessment on the animal cloning for food production in the EU

Further to the failure of the Conciliation procedure in March 2011 on the new proposal on Novel Food, the Commission has included in its Work Programme for 2012 the animal cloning for food production proposal for 2013. For this reason my services have launched a comprehensive impact assessment on all aspects on animal cloning for food production in the EU. Its results will inform the development of the legislative proposal which we aim to deliver in 2013.

During this impact assessment consultation of all interested parties and collection of the necessary data will take place. Information was already collected for the preparation of the Commission's report¹ on animal cloning for food production of October 2010. However, this information needs to be updated and complemented.

In order to obtain a full picture of the situation we would like to request to you to update the information on animal cloning for food production in your country by filling in the attached questionnaire.

To: Mr [redacted] – Argentinean Mission to the EU
 Ms [redacted], Mr [redacted] - Australian Mission to the EU
 Mr [redacted] – Botswana Mission to the EU
 Ms [redacted], Mr [redacted] - Brazilian Mission to the EU
 Mr [redacted] - Canadian Mission to the EU
 Mr [redacted], Mr [redacted] - Chilean Mission to the EU
 Mr [redacted] - Chinese Mission to the EU
 Mr [redacted] - Embassy of Namibia
 Mr [redacted] - New Zealand Mission to the EU
 Ms [redacted] - Embassy of Paraguay
 Mr [redacted] - Embassy of Uruguay
 Mr [redacted], Ms [redacted] - US Mission to the EU
 Mr [redacted] - Mission of Switzerland to the EU

¹ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on animal cloning for food production COM(2010) 585, 19.10.2010

I would appreciate your contribution by the 30 of April.

Please send your replies to the questionnaire to the following functional mailbox: SANCO-ANIMAL-CLONING-CONSULTATION@ec.europa.eu. Should you have any queries or need any additional information, please contact Mr. [REDACTED] by email [REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu).

Please note that a contract has been signed with an external contractor (GHK) which will study the economic, social and environmental impact in the EU and third countries of possible measures on animal cloning for food production. Complementary to the questionnaire mentioned above, GHK may contact you (contact person designated in the questionnaire) to request any additional information for the assessment of the different impacts.

Yours faithfully,

A large rectangular grey box redacting the signature of Ladislav Miko.

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Ladislav Miko

Questionnaire for animal cloning for food production

1. Country:		
2. Competent Authority/ies:		
3. Please identify a contact person (name, institution, telephone and e-mail address)		
4. Do you have national legislation regarding the use of animal cloning technique on your territory? If not, do you intend to draft a national legislation in the near future?		
YES		
NO		
If yes, please specify on which basis:		
5. Is the animal cloning technique used by private companies for breeding purposes in your territory?		
YES		
NO		
If yes, please specify the name of the companies and the estimated number of clones by species and the destination and quantities of the cloned animals and products thereof (reproductive materials):		

6. Do cloned animals in your country have a special identification or register?		
YES		
NO		
<p>If yes, please specify how it is done. Please specify the species covered by the identification procedure or register.</p> 		
7. Do reproductive materials (semen and embryo) from cloned animals produced in your country have a special identification or register?		
YES		
NO		
<p>If yes, please specify how it is done. Please also specify the species covered by the identification procedure or register and if exported to which countries.</p> 		
8. Do breeding centres or farmers on your territory import cloned animals or reproductive materials (semen and embryo) from cloned animals?		
YES		
NO		
Unknown		
<p>If yes, please specify the species, the intended food production (milk or meat) and an estimated annual number of animals or amount of reproductive materials.</p> 		

9. Do imported clones or reproductive materials (semen and embryo) from cloned animals have a special identification or register?		
YES		
NO		
Unknown		
If yes, please specify how it is done. Please also specify the species covered by the identification or register.		
10. Are you aware of any new information about possible improvements related to the health and welfare problems on the use of the animal cloning technique?		
YES		
NO		
Unknown		
If yes, please provide the documents.		
11. Do you have scientific risk assessments on the animal health and welfare and on the food safety of the products from clones and offspring of clones?		
YES		
NO		
If yes, please provide the documents.		

12. Do you have in place, or do you envisage to put in place, a traceability and labelling system for food derived from cloned animals?

YES

NO

If yes, please specify how it is done and for which type of products.

13. Do you have in place, or do you envisage to put in place, a traceability and labelling system for food derived from offspring of cloned animals?

YES

NO

If yes, please specify how it is done and for which type of products.

14. Is the animal cloning technique used for research purposes on your territory?

YES

NO

If yes, please provide the names of the laboratories and indicate the field and scope of the research area, the number of cloned animals by species and the final destination of these animals and their products.