European Commission

Impact Assessment on Measures on Animal cloning for food production in the European Union

Impact Assessment Steering Group Meeting
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DG SANCO Unit E 6

Health and Consumers

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- *Presentation of the Problem definition*
- *Presentation of the objectives*
- *Introduction to the policy options*
- *Feedback and discussion on the intervention logic*

1. Introduction

- *Roadmap published in February 2012*
- *IASG meetings to discuss GHK Report*
- *GHK Report almost final*
- *IPM Consultation results under analysis*
- *Advisory Group meeting*
- *EFSA*

2. Problem definition

No policy on cloning as such at present - Food from clones implicitly regulated under Novel food Regulation – and the **food from offspring and descendants of clones and reproductive material** are currently not covered by dedicated measures as **considered as conventional food** (not requiring therefore any pre-market authorisation or particular traceability/ labelling).

Eu Consumers clearly indicated that, if food products from clones and offspring of cloned animals are available in the EU they want to be able to recognize it. Therefore **there is a requests to empower consumers with the capacity/possibility of recognizing food products originating from clones and offspring of cloned animals if they are available in the EU market.**

This situation might present some challenges to the good functioning of the internal market, different national measures could be put in place(as indicated by MS) negatively affecting the approximations of laws. If different national measures will be put in place they could potentially disrupt the free movement of reproductive materials, animals and food in the EU market and affecting the access to market of the business operators. In addition the current situation is misaligned vis à vis the fundamental goals of the EU in particular regarding the promotion of the protection of public health, safety and economic interest of consumers.

2. Problem definition

The **current state of the cloning technique** has shown a series of **problematic consequences** on **Animal Health and Welfare** in its application for surrogate mothers and for clones. This situation has a potential negative effect on the agricultural productivity and sustainability and it is not in line with the EU principle of paying full regard to the welfare requirement of animals.

In addition, such problems raised ethical concerns

3. Policy objectives

4. Policy options

- *Need to be related to the specific objectives*
- *Will be screened in a second step*
- *Mixed to identify the best possible option(s) in terms of efficiency, efficacy and feasibility*

4/2. Policy Options

4/3. Policy options

4/4. Policy options

5. Feedback by the IASG

- Do you find the intervention logic coherent?

- Are the problem and underlying drivers clear?

- Do the objectives correspond to problems, do options correspond to objectives?

Suggested Next Steps by IASG:

1. Feedback on the intervention logic --> 7th of December COB

2. Update / validation of the Annexes on data on traceability/labelling/reproductive material --> will be sent the 7th of December --> feedback until the 14th of December

3. Validation of the baseline, will be sent --> 12th of December --> feedback until the 19th of December