



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Deputy Director-General

Brussels,
SANCO/E6/

Dear Madam/Sir,

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 already launched a comprehensive impact assessment on all aspects on animal cloning 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 report to the European Parliament and the Council on animal cloning for food production adopted on October 2010. Nevertheless, this information needs to be updated.

I would like to inform to you that the main actions already launched are the following:

1. Request an update on the state of play on the possible scientific developments to the European Food Safety Authority which it is foreseen to be available end of June 2012.
2. The Advisory Group on the Food Chain and animal and Plant Health will be informed and consulted in its plenary of 16 March. In addition, a specific working group is foreseen for April.
3. A 12 weeks public consultation of all citizens and organizations using Interactive Policy Marketing (IPM) internet tool.

4. A contract has been signed with an external contractor which will study the economic social and environmental impact in the EU and third countries of measures on animal cloning for food production (ban of the technique, traceability of reproductive materials and live offspring of clones and labelling of food from offspring). The final report is foreseen for end June 2012. Complementary requests to the attached questionnaire may also be done by the external contractor.

5. We will also request our Member States competent authorities a similar written questionnaire to update the state of play of the animal cloning technique and its use in the EU.

Obviously, in order to obtain a full picture of the situation we would also like to request to you to update the official information on animal cloning for food production in your country. Please find attached the questionnaire to be fulfilled.

I would appreciate your contribution by the 16 of April. Any additional information regarding the issue of animal cloning for food production is welcomed.

I would be grateful if you could convey this request for information to your relevant institutions as we would highly value their input.

Please send your questionnaire to [REDACTED] by email [REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

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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?		
YES		
NO		
If yes please specify:		
5. Is the animal cloning technique used for research purposes on your territory?		
YES		
NO		
If yes please provide the name of the laboratory and the number of cloned animals by species:		

6. 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):		
7.- Do cloned animals in your country have a special identification or register?		
YES		
NO		
If yes please specify how it is done:		
8.-Do reproductive materials (semen and embryo) from cloned animals produced in your country have a special identification or register?		
YES		
NO		
If yes please specify how it is done:		

9.-Do breeding centres or farmers on your territory import cloned animals or reproductive materials (semen and embryo) from cloned animals?		
YES		
NO		
Unknown		
If yes please specify the species, the intended food production (milk or meat) and an estimated annual amount: 		
10.-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: 		
11.-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. 		

12.-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:		