

Public consultation – Health & Consumers

Title: Measures on animal cloning for food production in the EU

Policy: Food safety, consumer information, animal health, animal welfare

Consultation period: x March- x June

Target groups

- Animal breeders and farmers;
- Food industry, the retail and distribution sector;
- Cloning companies and public organisations;
- Non-governmental organisations;
- Public authorities and trade partners;
- Citizens.

Purpose and scope

- Collect views on the acceptance of the technique and the introduction of EU measures on animal cloning for food production, their economic, social and environmental impacts in the EU and non-EU countries.
- This initiative only concerns **cloning for food production**. It does not cover the use of the cloning technique for other purposes e.g. research, production of pharmaceuticals or the conservation of endangered species or breeds.
- The collected information will be used as part of an impact assessment.
- The Commission has begun the impact assessment in order to propose legislation for adoption in 2013.

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Context

- The Commission's impact assessment will examine a comprehensive set of possible measures on animal cloning for food production so that it can propose legislation for adoption in 2013.
- It will take into account the social, environmental and economic impact including the impacts on farmers, industry, trade, etc.
- The initiative only concerns **cloning for food production**, not the use of the cloning technique for other purposes e.g. research, production of pharmaceuticals, conservation of endangered species or breeds.
- Since 1997, food from cloned animals requires authorisation before being placed on the EU market (**Novel Food Regulation**). Authorisation does not apply to foods from the offspring of cloned animals which does not differ from conventional food as regards food safety.
- Current rules on animal health and welfare apply to cloned animals too and the imports of their reproductive materials e.g. semen, embryos, ova.
- The Commission has proposed the following measures on animal cloning for food production in its **report** of 2010:
 1. Suspend temporarily the use of the cloning technique in the EU for the reproduction of all food-producing animals; the use of clones of these animals; import of clones and marketing of food from clones.
 2. Establish traceability of imports of semen and embryos allowing farmers and industry to set up data banks of offspring in the EU.
- The impact assessment will also examine measures on pre-market approval, traceability and labelling of food from offspring and their descendants.

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Background documents

Roadmap of the impact assessment on measures on animal cloning for food production in the EU

Commission report 2010

EFSA scientific assessments

2008 opinion and the **2009** and **2010 EFSA statements**

The Commission has asked EFSA for an update of the assessment taking into account any new knowledge.

European Group of Ethics (EGE) report 2008

Eurobarometer 2008 on animal cloning

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