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Animal welfare ongoing activities

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New Unit G5

Animal welfare & Antimicrobial resistance

“Better animal welfare improves animal health and food quality, reduces the need for medication and can help preserve biodiversity.”



*“EU trade policy should continue to contribute to enhance cooperation with and to obtain ambitious commitments from third countries in key areas such as **animal welfare**, the use of pesticides and the fight against **antimicrobial resistance**.”*

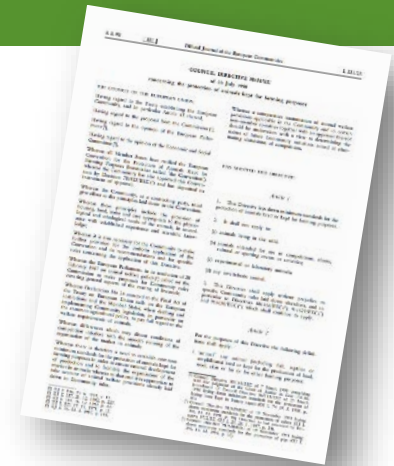


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Fitness Check (1)

Expectations from Member States:

- *Call to revise existing animal welfare legislation*
 - **Animal transport**
 - **Species not yet covered by specific EU legislation**
- *Request to assess the impact of an EU regulatory animal welfare labelling scheme for:*
 - **Enhanced animal welfare,**
 - **Better consumer choice**
 - **Fairer compensation for livestock**
 - ...





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Fitness Check (2)

Expectations from stakeholders:

170 feedbacks from business operators, trade unions, NGO's and citizens

Roadmap

Feedback period

20 May 2020 - 29 July 2020

FEEDBACK: CLOSED

UPCOMING

Public consultation

Consultation period

First quarter 2021

FEEDBACK: UPCOMING

- **Ban on the export of live animals to third countries**
- **Ban on the use of all cages**
- **Ban on slaughter without stunning**
- **Species-specific legislation: dairy cows, rabbits and farmed fish**
- **EU animal welfare labelling scheme**

Animal Welfare Labelling

- *Farm to Fork strategy (EU Green Deal)*

*The Commission will also consider **options for animal welfare labelling** to better transmit value through the food chain.*

- *Study to be launched early 2021*
- *Platform Sub-group:*
 - **1st meeting on 27 October**



ECI - End the Cage Age

- *Submitted 2 Oct.2020 → fits the Farm to Fork timeline*
- *Call the Commission to propose legislation for:*
 - **Animals not covered by EU specific legislation:** rabbits, pullets, broiler breeders, quail, ducks, geese
 - **Current EU farming practices addressed legislation:** stalls and crates for sows, enriched cages, boxes for calves
- *Meeting with the organisers on 30 October*
- *The Commission replies on:*
 - **Its legal and political conclusions,**
 - **The actions it intends to take**



EP Inquiry Committee on Animal Transport

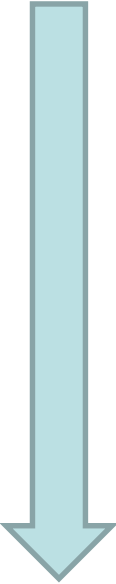
- *Established in June 2020*
 - *12 months' Mandate:*
 - ***Investigate “alleged violations in relation to implementation by the Member States and enforcement by the Commission” of Council Regulation No 1/2005.***
 - *Meetings*
 - **On 16/10/2020, DG SANTE DDG, Claire Bury**
 - **On 29/10/2020, European Court of Auditors; Special Report 31/2018**
- ➔ *Final report will provide important input to the fitness check and revision of current rules, under the Farm to Fork Strategy***

Third EU Reference Centre on Animal Welfare

- *Welfare of ruminants and equines*
- *Scientific and technical support for official controls*
 - ➔ **Improvements on animal transport: cattle, sheep and horses**
- *Designation for Q1 2021*



Evaluation of the Animal Welfare Strategy 2012-2015

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- *The external study has been concluded*
 - *The Staff Working Document presenting the evaluation findings is being drafted*
 - *Publication beginning 2021*