



Information from the Commission on actions to prevent tail biting and prevent routine tail docking of pigs

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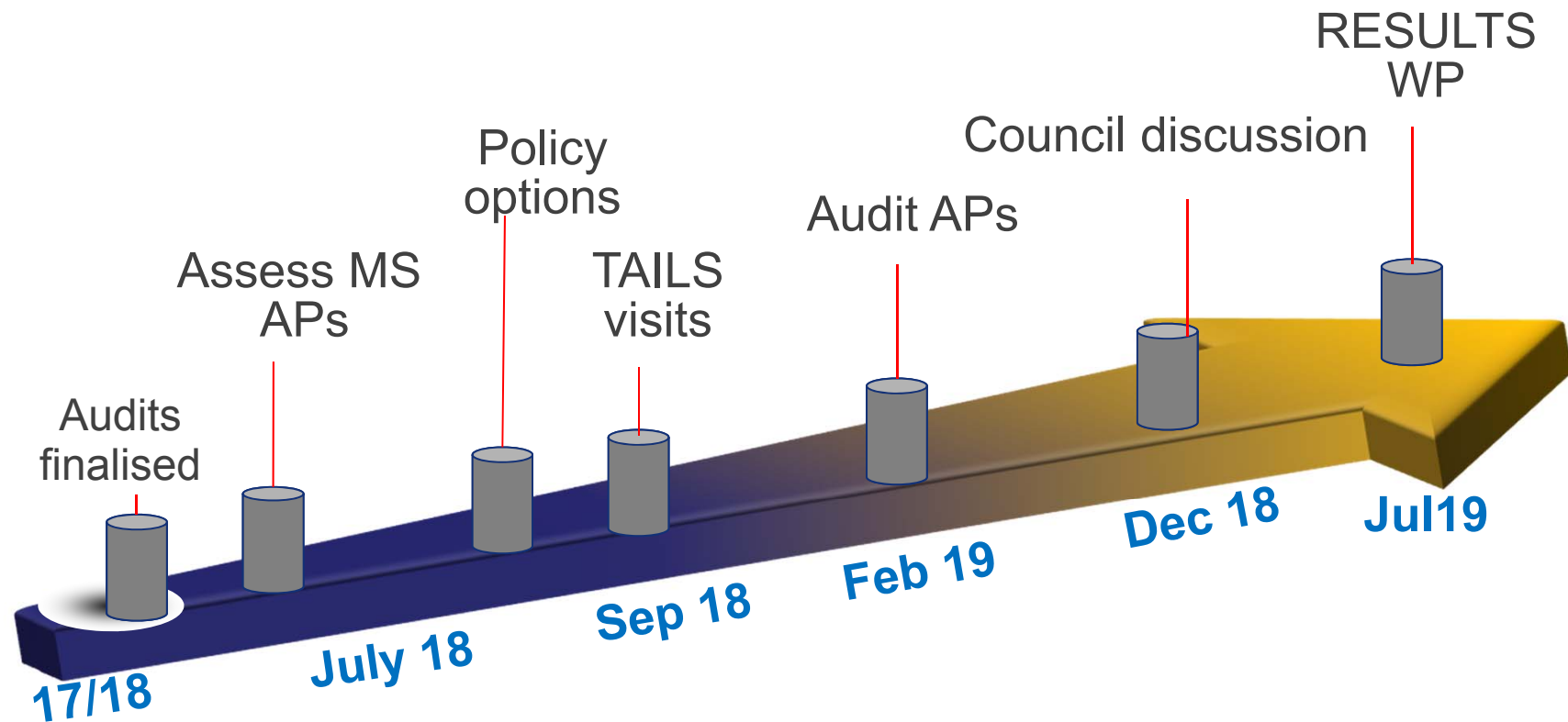




Commission Project to reduce tail-docking of pigs - Objectives

- **Reduce animal suffering by improving the application of Council Directives 2008/120/EC & 98/58/EC over a three year period (17-19)**
- **Specific focus on the avoidance of routine tail docking and the provision of enrichment material**

WORK PROGRAMME MILESTONES





Audit Outcomes

- 5 audits: NL, ES, DK, IT, DE- 4 published
- % Tail-docking – estimates 98.5-100% i.e. routine
- Measureable compliance criteria inadequate in most
- CA instructions imprecise/not followed in most
- Enforcement action variable
- Research and trials: extensive and expensive to none
- No progress on compliance/reduction in tail-docking
- CAP schemes-incl in Court of Auditors Report (Aug 2018)



Member State Action Plans

- Request MS Action Plans on 2008/120 & 98/58: Jan 2018
- Compliance end 2018 with
 - CA Compliance criteria
 - Farmer risk assessment
 - Evidence of tail/ear injuries
 - Assessment and changes to inadequate environmental conditions or management systems
 - Communication/liaison and enforcement



Preliminary Action Plan Assessment

- **25/26 received - 1 delayed. 25 assessed**
- **23/25 plans propose improvements**
- **Wide variation in scope of improvements**
- **Wide variation in plan details/deadlines**
 - **Consultation phase-majority before 9/18**
 - **Revision to procedures- majority before 9/18**
 - **Enforcement- majority late 2018/start 2019**

Preliminary Action Plan Assessment

- **Improvements in Compliance criteria**

• Enrichment material	23
• Cleanliness	11
• Thermal comfort/air	7/13
• Health status: training/sick pigs/weaning age	7/7/1
• Comp. for space/ fighting/Feed n water/fresh water quantity	8/4/7/4
• Diet	3



Preliminary Action Plan Assessment

- **Other planned improvements**

- **Assessing the risk factors for tail/ear biting** **18**
- **Evidence of tail/ear injuries** **17**
- **Assess/change inadequate env/man systems** **18**
- **Communication/liaison with industry** **22**
- **Enforcement** **19**
- **Review provision of vet/QA attestations** **11**



Next Steps

- **Finalise AP review**
- **Review MS compliance**
- **Write to MS:**
 - **Updates**
 - **Clarifications**
 - **Omissions**
 - **Disseminate Good Practice**
- **COM Policy options**



Next Steps

- **BTSF training on pigs aligned with SANTE Work Plan**
- **Work with AW Ref Centre on animal/resource indicators**
- **Contribute to DG AGRI consultation on revised CAP**
- **TAILS team visits**
- **Continued liaison with pig sector, research, NGOs, EP, FVE etc**
- **Animal Welfare Platform-sub-group on pigs**
- **Meeting end 2018 to refine/discuss improved APs**
- **Proposed audits on implementation of MS APs**



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