Options
Animal Welfare labelling

Fifth meeting of the animal welfare labelling subgroup
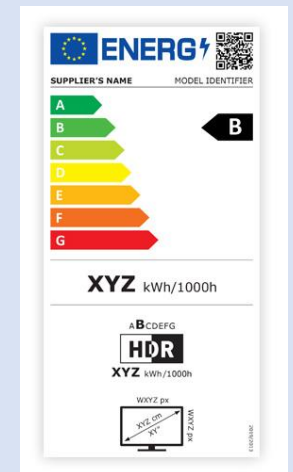
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Where are we now?

- Consensus for an EU label with key criteria (not only housing)

- Consensus for a multi-tier label

- No consensus for voluntary/mandatory

- **First step is to create a common framework**

- Part of the sustainable food labelling system (composite system)

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Multi-tier labels

- Upgraded labels

- Evaluating labels (scoring)

Why a common framework?

- Animal welfare principles are common to all species

- Levels should be comparable across species

- Technical standards should be dynamic

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Animal Welfare Domains

1. <u>Nutrition</u>: food & water (quantity, quality)

2. <u>Environment</u>: air/water quality, space to move, temperature

3. <u>Health</u>: no diseases, no injuries, no pain

4. <u>Behaviour</u>: positive social contacts, species-specific behaviours,

5. <u>Mental state</u>: positive experiences and mental state

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How comparable across species?

Structural criteria Y/N

1. Management, organisation and procedures

2. Personnel competence and number

3. Facilities and equipment design

4. Monitoring system of performances

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How comparable across species?

Operational criteria: Indicators (animal or resource based)

1. Scope: Number of domains covered

2. Precision: Number of indicators per domain (?)

3. Results of indicators: minimum – range from 0 to +++

4. Calculating an overall score

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Possible levels?

Operational criteria: based on indicators results

1. Level « - » or « unknown welfare »

2. Level « 0 » or « baseline »

3. Level « + » or « better welfare»

4. Level « ++ » or « much better welfare»

5. Level « +++» or « the best welfare on the market»

A baseline?

What? "*a minimum or starting point used for comparisons*"

Why?

- ✓ To compare upgraded levels scientifically
- ✓ To ensure dynamic standards

How?

- ✓ EU legislation but
  - Not all domains are regulated in one sector
  - Not all sectors are regulated
- ✓ EU most common practices but
  - Regional diversities
  - Historical differences in achievements
  - How and who should establish them?

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Levels and criteria

	Unknown	Baseline	Better	Much better	Best
Management	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Personnel	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Facilities design	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Monitoring	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Nutrition	N	0	+	++	+++
Environment	N	0	+	++	+++
Health	N	0	+	++	+++
Behaviour	N	0	0	++	+++
Mental state	N	0	0	0	+++

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