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Live Animal Transport [White Paper]



No Animal Left Behind [Report]
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EU law is failing [animals kept or used for commercial purposes]

The problem:

- The current **EU legislation is failing to protect farmed animals**
- **Not all species are included** and too much space for **interpretation**
- **Minimum requirements** are **not fit** for a good life

The solution:

- Need for a **thorough revision** of the EU standards
- **Species-specific, enforceable standards** applicable in Member States
- **Five domains** model to shape legislation

The way forward: the [Five Domains] model

1. Health
1. Nutrition
1. Behaviour
1. Environment
1. Mentalstate



- shape legislation with the aim of ensuring a good life for all animals kept and used for commercial purposes



Bred to suffer: [Broiler chickens]

Unregulated genetic selection for fast growth

- Lameness
- Skeletal and muscular weakness
- Contact dermatitis
- Respiratory disease
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Dehydration and hunger

Numbers: 95% of the EU's broilers are fast-growing breeds



Bred to suffer: [Dairy cows]

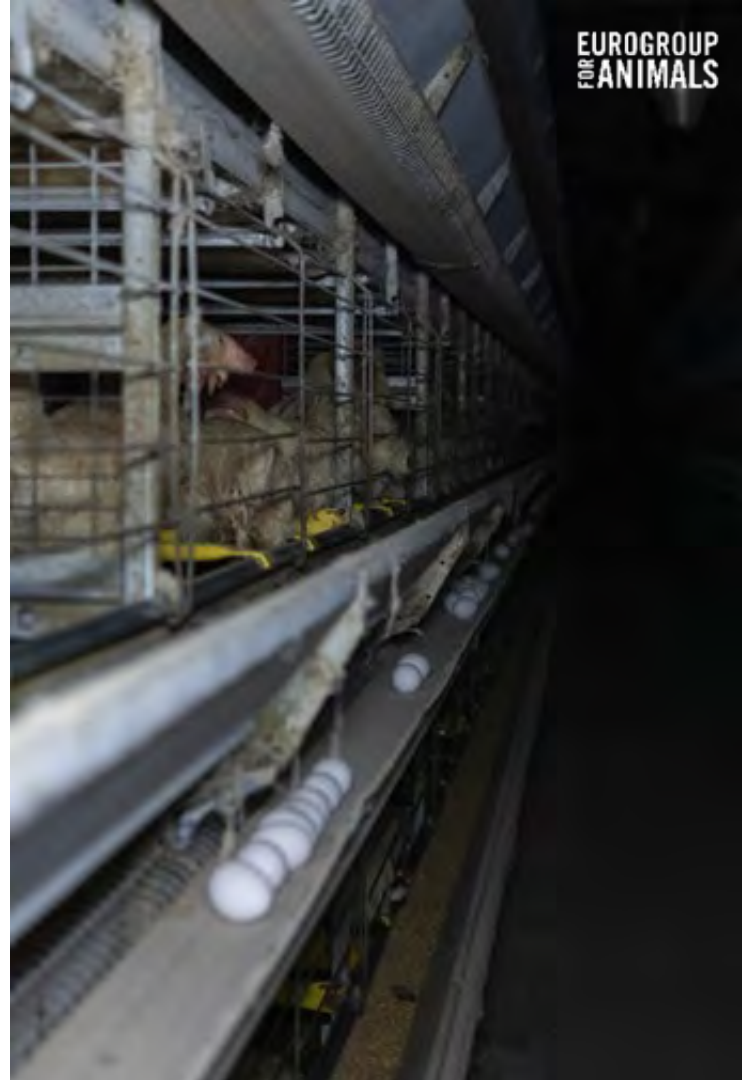
- Unregulated genetic selection for high milk yields
- Lameness
- Mastitis
- Metabolic disorders (chronic hunger)
- Emaciated body

Numbers: 20.5 million dairy cows in the EU, not protected by species-specific legislation.

The misery of enriched cages for [Laying hens]

- Impossibility to perform natural behaviours: nesting, foraging, exploring, perching, wind-flapping, dust-bathing □ **frustration and aggression**
- Health issues (beak-trimming, respiratory disease, muscle-skeletal issues, immune deficiency)

**Numbers: 192 million hens in cages in 2020
(~50% of laying hens in the EU)**



The unacceptable suffering of [Sows]

- Gestation and farrowing crates: severe restriction of movement
- Chronic hunger
- No materials for rooting, nesting, foraging, exploring
- Joint disease, lameness, contact lesions
- Severely limited interactions with piglets
- Depressive-like states

Numbers: 11 million breeding sows in the EU, vast majority in intensive systems



Castration and mutilations of [Piglets] : a routine shame

- Routine castration of piglets mostly without analgesia and anaesthesia nor veterinary supervision
- Violations of the 7 days threshold
- Tail docking is the norm, not the exception

Numbers: At least 77% of piglets are routinely tail docked across the EU and 80% are surgically castrated without adequate pain relief



The silent suffering of [Farmed Fish]

- Injuries, diseases and congenital defects
- Overcrowded pens and poor water quality
- Starved for days at a time
- Routinely handled (= stress, injury and suffering)

Numbers: up to 1 billion fish on farms at any one time



[Forgotten], yet highly exploited

- The list of forgotten animals is very long:
 - Quails
 - Ducks
 - Geese
 - Pullets
 - Parent birds of laying hens and broilers
 - Wild caught fish
 - Rabbits
 - Turkeys
 - Sheep
 - Goats
 - Dairy and beef cattles beyond 6 months
- Some figures:
 - Rabbits: 340 millions slaughtered
 - Turkeys: 190 millions slaughtered



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Why [Fur farming] should be prohibited

- WelFur is inadequate to meet even basic animal welfare requirements
- The animals most frequently used in the fur industry are wide-roaming predators
- The needs of such animals kept for fur are not and can't be met on fur farms

A ban is the ONLY viable solution to the serious welfare concerns caused by keeping wild animals for fur production.



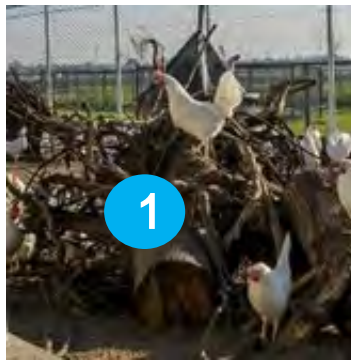
[Solutions]

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- Need for a new regulation on the protection of animals kept and used for commercial purposes — a **'Kept Animals Regulation'**
- **Imported goods** have to meet European standards
- Provide a basis for rules for a **far greater number of animals**, and not only for 'farmed animals' only

Live Animal Transport

[White Paper]



- **Reducing, refining and replacing** live transport, whenever applicable
- Need to establish **species- and category-specific** requirements + a more efficient enforcement system
- Species-specific, scientifically based, **intra-Union journey limits**
- A **ban on live exports** from the Union, and a **shift to a trade in carcasses and genetic material** for breeding

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