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National legislation

- **Scope**
 - Ban of culling of male day-old chicks, Gallus gallus race
 - Layers strains concerned
 - Selection and reproduction strains not concerned
- **No guidance in the selection of an alternative**
 - Restrictions in cas of ovo sexing : gender determination in ovo to be performed prior to the 15th day of incubation
- **Sanctions for non-compliance**
 - 5th grade fine (R. 215-4)

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- Chicks culling is still possible for the following purposes :
 - veterinary diagnostic, pharmaceutical industries
 - some experiments cases supervised by vets
 - animal feed : methods and strains authorized still to be detailed in further regulation
 - sexing errors

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- **Transitional provisions for hatcheries operating on February 6th 2022**

01/03/22

- *Order of equipment
- *Commitment to the alternative approach

31/12/22

- *Ban of culling one day old chicks

01/06/22

- *Commitment of the works of installation of the equipment
- *Processes put into operation

- **Gains :**

- Ethical attitude, responsible and sustainable rearing systems
- Pragmatic answer to consumers expectation
- Innovative financial model involving all stakeholders

- **Challenges : Financial support (1/3)– France relance (Recovery plan)**

- Stakeholders are financially supported by the State in terms of the investments to be made to implement the techniques (construction, improvements, etc.): €10.5 million have been mobilized since summer 2021 on a dedicated call for projects within the measure “structuring the sector” of the Recovery Plan (France relance).
- 5 winners corresponding to the main operators
- The main operators in the palmipeds sector also benefit from this support

- **Challenges : Financial support (2/3) – France 2030**

- The “France 2030” investment plan aims to develop industrial competitiveness and future technologies.
- The call for projects “Resilience and Agri-Food Capacities 2030” with a component “Collective Approaches to Transition and Resilience in Agriculture and Agri-Food Sectors” is open running from April 7th to December 6th 2022
- This component will include projects promoting the deployment of egg sexing methods in the white hen/ egg product sector, and the structuring of the sectors which value the products that are derived from them.

- **Challenges : Financial support (3/3) – Interprofessionnel agreement**

- Important work has been carried out by the Interprofessional Egg Sector (CNPO) in collaboration with the ministry of agriculture to develop a particularly innovative mechanism to finance this transition.
- An interprofessional agreement was validated on October 14th which will allow the costs of these new technologies to be shared between hatcheries and distribution without weighing the cost of the transition on farmers.
- For each egg sold in stores, the retailers will pay 0.59 cents to the hatcheries (or 59 cents per 100 eggs) for these investments, which, according to the CNPO, represents a total of about 50 million euros per year.