



# Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 to be amended

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- Lays down uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption.
- Legal basis: Article 18(8) of the Official Controls Regulation.
- Planned to be amended as regards animal welfare, food chain information and health marking.

# Draft amendments not (directly) related to animal welfare

- Prohibition to slaughter if food chain information has not been provided to the official veterinarian in case of slaughter on the farm (Article 40).
- Action in case of misleading food chain information of farmed game slaughtered on the farm and sent to a game-handling establishment (Article 42).
- Health marking:
  - in farmed game slaughtered on the farm and sent to a game-handling establishment (Article 48)
  - abbreviation of “European Union” in case of “European Community”, with transitional period until end of 2028 (Annex II)



**To be discussed in PAFF on 3 July 2024**

# Animal welfare requirements today

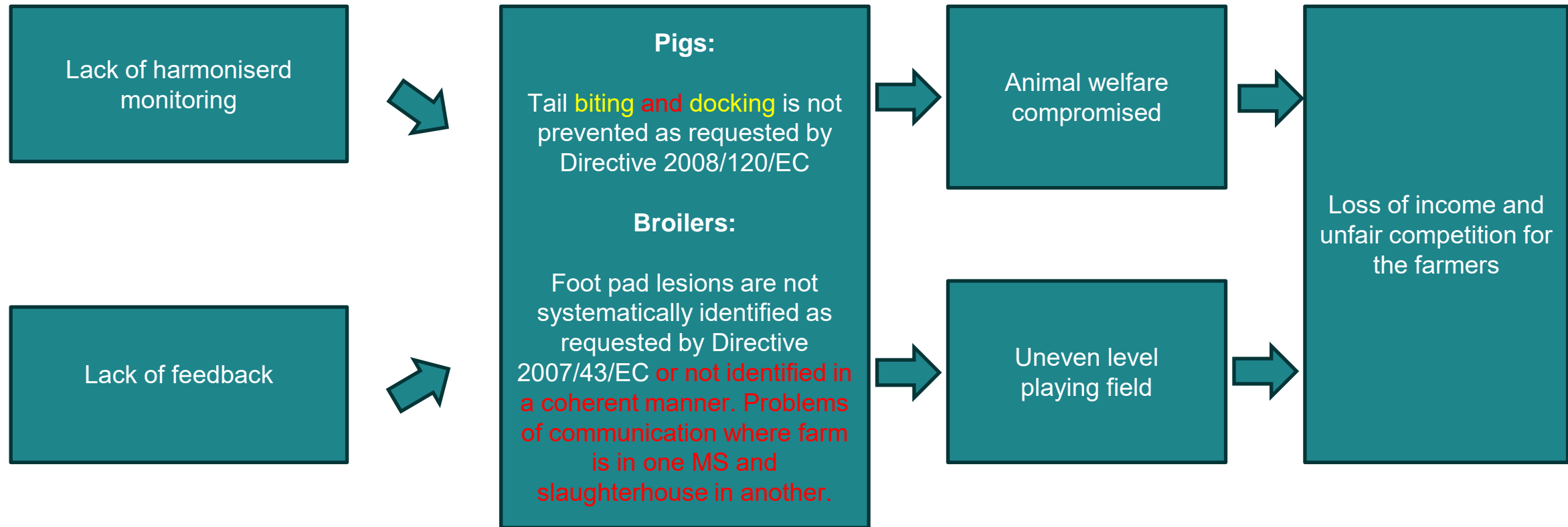
- **Broilers:**

- Identify abnormal levels of contact dermatitis [parasitism and systemic illness] (Annex III, point 2, of Directive 2007/43/EC).
- 18 Member States have (different) monitoring systems in place (2018).

- **Pigs:**

- Ban on routine tail-docking + measures to prevent tail-biting (Annex I, point 8, of Directive 120/2008/EC).
- Very few Member States have a monitoring system in place.

# Drivers – problems - consequences



# Broilers – approach envisaged

- Inspection of the footpads (visual/automated and physical).
- Representative sample for a batch (50 + 50).
- Common scoring system (0-100 points).
- Communicated to the holding of provenance (Annex I).
- Threshold for alerting the competent authority.

# Pigs – approach envisaged

- Inspection of each pig's tail.
- Common definition of "intact tail".
- Communicated to the holding of provenance (Annex I).
- Threshold for alerting the competent authority.

# Questions

- Should the sampling of broilers rather be based as a percentage?
- Automated systems soon/already commercially available?
- (...)



# Next steps

- Written reactions to the preliminary ideas and questions of this presentation by **2 July 2024**:

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- Discussion on a draft Regulation planned for a meeting of an animal welfare working group under the PAFF on **16 September 2024**.

# Thank you



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