



Evaluation of the Animal Health Law (AHL) – state of play

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European Commission, DG SANTE G2

Evaluation process timeline



Consultation activities

Study

✓ **Activities and consultations:** Q1 2024 - Q1 2025

- ☐ Summary of the call for Evidence/public feedback: Q3 2024
- ☐ Targeted consultations - surveys, interviews, focus group-case studies, validation workshops: up to February 2025

1. Public consultation: Call for Evidence (March-April 2024, by the Commission).
Factual summary of the call for evidence of the evaluation of the AHL -
https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/64e43280-2e0b-45a4-9461-c04d343f2685_en?filename=ah_ahl_call-for-evidence_report.pdf

2. Targeted consultation:

- *Targeted surveys (compl.)*
- *Interviews (compl.)*
- *Focus groups (compl.)*
- **Validation Workshops**

- ✓ NCAs
- ✓ Stakeholders:
 - Livestock & Business associations/representatives;
 - Animal farming & industry operators;
 - Veterinarians
 - Others (NGOs, research, businesses, consumers)

SAVE THE DATE -Validation workshops

Objective: to validate the AHL evaluation by confirming data accuracy, testing findings, and refining conclusions from research and consultations, ensuring no critical gaps remain.

February 2025

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National Competent Authorities

12/02/2025
10:00 – 12:30 am
Online

Stakeholders (AHAC)

14/02/2025
10:00 – 12:30 am
In -person

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Evaluation of the Animal Health Law

According to Article 282, the Commission must evaluate [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/429](#) together with the delegated acts and submit the evaluation results in a report to the European Parliament and the Council by 22 April 2026.

This comprehensive evaluation aims to assess the effectiveness, efficiency and proportionate, coherency and EU added value of the AHL (the basic Regulation) and the delegated acts adopted on its basis. It is an essential process to assess that the legal framework delivers the necessary tools for the competent authorities, operators, and other stakeholders to effectively prevent and control animal diseases within the EU single market.

The evaluation will also determine whether the framework is easy to understand and apply building confidence in animals and their products in the single market. Potential for simplification and proportionality of benefits and costs will be looked at with particular attention.

More information could be found on the ["have your say"-page](#).

In March 2024, the Commission launched a [Call for Evidence](#), receiving feedback from **942 stakeholders** across the EU, which forms the basis for ongoing discussions on how to improve the Animal Health Law and is summarised in the [Factual summary of the call for evidence of the evaluation of the Animal Health Law](#). More information on the recent evaluation process, consultation can be found on the ["have your say"-page](#).

The summary report of this consultation, which highlights key stakeholder feedback was discussed by the [Animal Health Advisory Committee](#), during its meeting on **5 September 2024**. **The minutes of this meeting**, including the key points and outcomes from the meeting can be found [Animal Health Advisory Committee page](#).

To support the evaluation process, an Evaluation Study was launched in May 2026. The study is coordinated by a consortium led by Ecorys and involves a targeted consultation with key stakeholders, including:

- National competent authorities
- Members of the Animal Health Advisory Committee

This consultation will use mix of surveys, focus groups, case studies and interviews to gather comprehensive input from stakeholders in the EU and non-EU countries. For further details on the study and consultation activities, please contact the evaluation team directly at evaluationAHL@ecorys.com.

Next steps

- 📅 Study phase completion: by February 2025 📅
- 📅 Results, consultations, and finalization: by April 2026 📅
Valuable feedback received outside the Commission's evaluation.

Your constructive input is much appreciated!

We will keep you updated on the progress!

Thank you very much

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