

ANIMAL CLONING

BACKGROUND

Cloning is a technique of artificial reproduction to create identical animals. Cloning process is inefficient, wastes animals' lives and has a huge potential to cause pain, suffering and distress at all stages of the process. It has very low rates of success: 10% in cattle, 6% in pigs. In addition, cloning would compound the view that farm animals are seen more as commodities rather than sentient beings. EU consumers and citizens are against this technique to produce food.

CURRENT SITUATION

In the EU food from animal clones must be authorised before being sold, but no other rule exists. In December 2013, the Commission adopted their proposals on Cloning. They call for provisional bans on the cloning of animals and also the placing on the market of the animal clones or embryo clones. The European Parliament has expressed its support to ban animal cloning for food and the import and sale of food products from clones and descendants. The European Food Safety Authority highlighted the huge animal welfare and health concerns. The European Group of Ethics has stated ethical concerns. The European Commission, however, fears possible problems with trade partners.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- An immediate ban on the cloning of animals for food production, and on the import and sale of animal clones, their descendants and food products from animal clones and their descendants as well as semen and embryos from animal clones.
- Retailers not to sell products from animal clones and their descendants in their shops.
- Full traceability for animal clones and products.

RELATED LINKS

EU documents

- [Commission Proposal \(COM\(2013\)892\) for a Directive on the cloning of animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species kept and reproduced for farming purposes](#)

- [Proposal \(COM\(2013\)893\) for a Council Directive on the placing on the market of food from animal clones](#)
- [EP Motion for a resolution \(2013\) on cloning](#)
- [European Parliament: Novel Foods talks collapse on Council refusal to label clone derived products](#)
- [EFSA's statement on cloning \(2012\)](#)
- [Eurobarometer survey \(2008\)](#)
- [European Parliament Resolution \(2008\)](#)

Related downloads

- [Eurogroup letter to the EP Committee vote \(June 2015\)](#)
- [Eurogroup support letter of the EP draft report on cloning \(April 2015\)](#)
- [Eurogroup analysis of the Commission proposal on Cloning \(Jan 2014\)](#)
- [Eurogroup statement on animal Cloning \(Jan 2014\)](#)
- [Eurogroup - EP committee joint voting letter \(Feb 2014\)](#)