

Impact assessment

This is an English summary of the impact assessment included in the proposal of a draft regulation amending the Norwegian provisions regarding farrowing pens for pigs.

Ban on fixation of sows during farrowing will have no significant impact

The development of systems making the pens safer for the piglets, has largely made it unnecessary to fixate the sows during farrowing. The pens have become larger, the sows have become more tranquil, and the piglets have protected areas in the pens.

Due to this development in modern Norwegian pig farming, fixation has become a marginal phenomenon. The few farmers still fixating sows will get at reasonable transition period to improve their farrowing system. A total ban from 1. January 2028 on fixation of sows during farrowing will therefore have no significant impact for Norwegian pig farmers.

Increased minimum size requirements for farrowing pens will have no significant impact

In Norway new buildings for pigs are already being furnished with larger farrowing pens. To introduce increased minimum dimensional requirements in such buildings will therefore have no significant impact for Norwegian pig farmers.