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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késésekét - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2025/0297/SE - C90A - Well-being of animals and pets

5. Ordinance amending the Animal Welfare Ordinance (2019:66)

6. Virtual Electric Fences

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8. The provision in Chapter 2, Section 17 of the Animal Welfare Ordinance is amended so that the use of what is referred to as virtual electric fences outdoors for bovine animals is exempted from the prohibition in Chapter 2, Section 16 of the same ordinance against equipment or devices that give animals an electric shock with the intention of controlling their behaviour. It is also added to Chapter 2, Section 17a of the Ordinance that the Swedish Board of Agriculture (Jordbruksverket) may issue regulations on conditions for the use of virtual electric fences.

The Regulation does not contain a mutual recognition clause as it was not deemed necessary.

9. A special investigator has proposed in the report *Animalieproduktion med hög konkurrenskraft och gott djurskydd* (SOU 2024:56) (Animal production with high competitiveness and good animal welfare) that it should be possible to use virtual electric fences. Virtual electric fence means a device attached around the animal's neck which, following a warning in the form of an audible signal, gives the animal an electric shock if the animal moves outside certain defined coordinates. The possibility of using virtual electric fences can contribute to increased competitiveness in beef, milk and lamb production, while maintaining an equivalent level of animal welfare as when using physical electric fences. This increases flexibility for keepers, as it is easy to create new grazing areas or change them. The use of virtual electric fences can lead to more animals entering pasture and difficult-to-access natural pastures being used for grazing, which can also contribute to increased biodiversity. In the attached proposal, the possibility of using virtual fences has been limited to bovine animals and sheep, as animal experiments with virtual electric fences have been carried out in Sweden with these species. For other species, there is currently insufficient evidence to assess the functioning of virtual electrical fences from the animal welfare point of view. The proposed provision on virtual electric fences is non-discriminatory and it is both necessary and proportionate in order to achieve the goal of good animal welfare.

10. Reference(s) to basic text(s): No basic texts available

11. No

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13. No

14. No

15. No

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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