

Message 001

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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 - Atidējimai 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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2. Netherlands

3A. Ministerie van Financiën, Douane Groningen, CDIU.

3B. Ministerie van Landbouw, Visserij, Voedselzekerheid en Natuur
Directie Wetgeving en Juridische Zaken.

4. 2025/0319/NL - C90A - Well-being of animals and pets

5. Proposed Act by the Member Ouwehand amending the Animals Act in connection with limiting the suffering of animals at the time of slaughter.

6. Animal welfare at the time of slaughter of animals.

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8. The newly proposed Article 2.7a (Article I, Part A) and the amendments in Article 2.10 (Article I, Part B) of

the Animals Act in the attached legislative proposal may contain technical regulations; these are the following provisions:

- (1) an obligation to stun animals (at least reversibly) when slaughtered according to religious rites,
- (2) a ban on CO2 stunning of pigs and electric water baths for poultry (chickens, ducks and turkeys),
- (3) a ban on mechanical tilting without stunning of crates of poultry (chickens, ducks and turkeys) and
- (4) a ban on the sale, trade and delivery of female mammals from 40 per cent of the gestation period for slaughter.

Since the provisions fit within European legislation on animal slaughter, a mutual recognition clause has not been included. The inclusion of a mutual recognition clause has no added value in this case, and is therefore not necessary.

9. The newly proposed articles may contain technical regulations.

This legislative proposal aims to improve the welfare of animals at the time of slaughter.

Animal welfare is a legitimate objective of general interest (see, inter alia, the Andibel ruling: ECLI:EU:C:2008:353). The measures included in this legislative proposal are proportionate because the infringements of the interests of the parties concerned have been carefully weighed against the objective to be achieved. Developments in society show that animal welfare has become a major social concern. Extensive (scientific) evidence is available showing that the practices prohibited under this proposed Act do cause unnecessary and avoidable suffering. The Act includes several measures to mitigate the impact on parties concerned (such as a transitional period and a temporary derogation).

The measures constitute the least restrictive means of achieving the intended objective and are therefore necessary. The measures apply within the Netherlands without discrimination on grounds of nationality.

10. Numbers or titles of the basic texts:

11. No

12.

13. No

14. No

15. No

16.

TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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