

## **Act amending the Animal Protection Act**

### **§ 1. Amendment of the Animal Protection Act**

The following amendments shall be made to the Animal Protection Act:

1) section 4<sup>2</sup> is added to the Act to read as follows:

#### **„§ 4<sup>2</sup>. Keeping animals for the production of table eggs**

The keeping of chickens in cages for the production of table eggs shall be prohibited.’;

2) in subsections 44(6) and 48(1<sup>2</sup>), the text ‘Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture’ is replaced by the text ‘Agriculture and Food Board’ in a relevant declination;

3) subsection (1<sup>3</sup>) is added to section 48 to read as follows:

‘(1<sup>3</sup>) The Agriculture and Food Board shall submit the statistical information specified in subsection (1<sup>2</sup>) of this section to the European Commission annually by 10 November at the latest.’;

4) subsection (15) is added to section 81<sup>1</sup> to read as follows:

‘(15) The prohibition laid down in section 4<sup>2</sup> of this Act shall not apply until 1 January 2035 to an animal keeper who, as of 1 January 2026, keeps chickens in enriched cages for the production of table eggs in accordance with the requirements laid down on the basis of clause 1 of subsection 3(4) of this Act. Such an animal keeper may continue to keep chickens in enriched cages until 1 January 2035.’;

5) section 81<sup>2</sup> is added to the Act to read as follows:

#### **‘§ 81<sup>2</sup>. Ex-post assessment of the prohibition laid down in section 4<sup>2</sup>**

(1) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture shall analyse, not later than by 31 December 2030, whether the objective of the prohibition provided for in section 4<sup>2</sup> of this Act to improve the welfare of chickens has been achieved and what impact the implementation of the prohibition has had and, if necessary, submit proposals for the amendment of the Act.

### **§ 2. Entry into force of the Act**

This Act enters into force on 1 January 2026.

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