

Message 001

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Notification of a draft text from a Member State

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahtuje 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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4. 2025/0322/EE - C90A - Well-being of animals and pets

5. Act amending the Animal Protection Act

6. Caging of laying hens

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8. The draft Act amends the requirements of the Act to ensure the welfare of chickens kept for egg production. The draft Act proposes a prohibition on the caging of hens, including chicks and pullets (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'laying hens'), kept for the production of table eggs, as of 1 January 2035. In addition, the draft Act provides that, as of 1 January 2026, a keeper of animals may not build or use a cage for keeping laying hens when they start to keep laying hens. Therefore, the production system to be put into operation from 2026 onwards by the producer of table eggs will have to be constructed and equipped in such a way that it will be possible to keep laying hens without cages.

9. In the European Union (EU), the keeping of laying hens is regulated by Council Directive 1999/74/EC (hereinafter referred to as 'Directive 1999/74/EC'), which lays down requirements for the keeping of laying hens and the establishment of suitable conditions for their life in holdings with more than 350 laying hens. The main objective of the amendments to the draft Act is to improve the welfare of laying hens by prohibiting caging. An enriched cage restricts the mobility and natural behaviour of laying hens and therefore a transition to an alternative method of rearing is necessary to ensure the welfare of laying hens.

10. References to related legislation:

11. No

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13. No

14. No

15. Yes

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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