

Stockfarming: prohibition of certain substances having a hormonal or thyreostatic action and of beta-agonists

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The Council reached a general approach on a proposal for a Directive amending Council Directive 96/22/EC concerning the prohibition on the use in stockfarming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of beta agonists.

The agreed text will serve as a basis for informal trilogue discussions with the European Parliament in view of a first reading agreement.

The proposal is aimed at taking pet animals out of the scope of the legislation and prohibiting the use of oestradiol 17 β in food producing animals entirely. In addition, the definition of therapeutic treatment was adjusted, in particular with regard to the use of beta-agonists.