Basic information

1996/0029(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	Procedure completed
Protection of animals: calves (amend. Direct. 91/269/EEC) **Subject** 3.10.04.02 Animal protection	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	ROSADO FERNANDES Raúl Miguel (UPE)	06/02/1996

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	OLSSON Karl Erik (ELDR)	20/03/1996

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	1980	1996-12-17
Agriculture and Fisheries	1985	1997-01-20

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
24/01/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0021	Summary
29/02/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/09/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
02/09/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0261/1996	
20/09/1996	Debate in Parliament		
22/11/1996	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0599	Summary
20/01/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/01/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/01/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0029(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/07658

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0261/1996 OJ C 320 28.10.1996, p. 0003	02/09/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0497/1996 OJ C 320 28.10.1996, p. 0238-0257	20/09/1996	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1996)0021 OJ C 085 22.03.1996, p. 0019	24/01/1996	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1996)0599 OJ C 095 24.03.1997, p. 0001	22/11/1996	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Directive 1997/0002
OJ L 025 28.01.1997, p. 0024 Summary

Protection of animals: calves (amend. Direct. 91/269/EEC)

1996/0029(CNS) - 20/01/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to enable the organization of the common market in calves to function effectively. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 97/2/EC amending Directive 91/629/EEC laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves. SUBSTANCE: the amendment provides, in respect of the housing of calves, that no calf shall be confined in an individual pen after the age of eight weeks and lays down minimum space allowances for individual pens and for rearing in groups (in this case, provision is made for increasing space allowances for calves according to their weight). Individual pens for calves (except those for isolating sick animals) should not have solid walls, but perforated walls which allow the calves to have direct visual and tactile contact. A timetable for implementation provides for the provisions to apply from 1 January 1998 to newly built or rebuilt holdings and a period of nine years to enable existing holdings to comply with the new rules. Exceptions are provided for small holdings (fewer than six calves) and calves kept with their mothers for suckling. DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 17 February 1997 DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION: 31 December 1997.

Protection of animals: calves (amend. Direct. 91/269/EEC)

1996/0029(CNS) - 20/09/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Parliament adopted the report by Mr Raul ROSADO FERNANDES (UPE, P) on minimum standards for the protection of calves. In its amendments Parliament asked that no calf, in herds of more than ten calves, should be housed in an individual pen after the age of six weeks. It also asked, even after the complete adaptation of the pen for the obligatory group housing, on an exceptional basis and with certification from a veterinarian, for a number of animals to be housed individually on the grounds of health or welfare. The EP called for new provisions to apply to all holdings from 2005 (instead of 2008).

Protection of animals: calves (amend. Direct. 91/269/EEC)

1996/0029(CNS) - 24/01/1996 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to amend Directive 91/269/EEC laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves so as to enable the calf COM to operate efficiently. SUBSTANCE: it is proposed in the draft Directive that the Council amend Directive 91/269/EEC in order to bring it into line with the recommendations of the Scientific Veterinary Committee regarding housing and prescribed space and allow sufficient time for farmers to adapt to the new situation. The new provisions should accordingly apply: - with effect from 1 January 1998 to all newly built or rebuilt holdings and all those brought into use after that date; and - with effect from 1 January 2008 to all holdings.

Protection of animals: calves (amend. Direct. 91/269/EEC)

1996/0029(CNS) - 22/11/1996 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission proposal concerning the protection of calves was modified following the opinion delivered by Parliament. The Commission introduced the following amendments: - a reference to Declaration No 24 annexed to the final act of the Treaty on European Union which calls upon the European Institutions and on the Member States, when drafting and implementing Community legislation, to pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals; - the addition of a new provision stipulating that any individual pens for calves (except those for the isolation of sick animals) should not have solid walls, but should have perforated sides which allow direct visual and tactile contact between the calves.