Basic information

2001/0021(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	Procedure completed
Protection of animals: welfare of intensively kept pigs and sows (amend. Directive 91/630/EEC) **Subject** 3.10.04.02 Animal protection	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	BUSK Niels (ELDR)	27/02/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	STURDY Robert (PPE-DE)	12/03/2001

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2377	2001-10-23
Agriculture and Fisheries	2328	2001-01-29
Agriculture and Fisheries	2360	2001-06-19

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Health and Food Safety	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/01/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0020	Summary
29/01/2001	Debate in Council		
12/02/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/06/2001	Vote in committee		
11/06/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0210/2001	

13/06/2001	Debate in Parliament		
14/06/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0338/2001	Summary
23/10/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
23/10/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/12/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0021(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 Rules of Procedure EP 170
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/14369

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0210/2001	11/06/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0338/2001 OJ C 053 28.02.2002, p. 0240-0327 E	14/06/2001	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2001)0020 OJ C 154 29.05.2001, p. 0114 E	16/01/2001	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0710/2001 OJ C 221 07.08.2001, p. 0074	31/05/2001	

Additional information

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Final act

Directive 2001/0088
OJ L 316 01.12.2001, p. 0001 Summary

Protection of animals: welfare of intensively kept pigs and sows (amend. Directive 91/630/EEC)

2001/0021(CNS) - 16/01/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to lay down the minimum standards for the protection of pigs. CONTENT : the aim of the Commission proposal is to amend current legislation (Directive 91/630/EEC) in order to bring it into line with new scientific evidences and the experience acquired in this field by Member States. The proposal aims to : - ban the use of individual stalls for pregnant sows and gilts and the use of tethers; - increase the living space available for sows and gilts; - allow the sows and gilts to have permanent access to materials for rooting; - introduce a higher level of training and competence on welfare issues for the stockmen and the personnel in charge of the animals; - request new scientific advice in relation to certain issues of pig farming. The present proposals will put in place an EU-wide framework of acceptable welfare standard for pigs. To allow the industry time to adjust to these higher standards, provision is made for the phased introduction of the measures. Labelling requirements to highlight this and to provide consumer information can be considered in due course when the measures are fully in place.

Protection of animals: welfare of intensively kept pigs and sows (amend. Directive 91/630/EEC)

2001/0021(CNS) - 14/06/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Niels BUSK (ELDR, DK). The report calls for new, improved welfare standards for intensively reared pigs with a number of non-binding amendments seeking to strengthen the draft legisation. Parliament endorses the Commission's proposal to ban the use of individual stalls for pregnant sows, outlaw tethering and increase the space in which pigs are reared and tightens up the provisions designed to improve training for those handling pigs. It is also calling for a ban on practices such as tail docking and castration and wants additional rules on the outdoor keeping of pigs and the regulation of body temperature. Mr Busk's report points out that devices such as overhead sprays, as well as access to mud baths and protection against sunburn, are needed because pigs cannot sweat and are caused considerable stress when they overheat. Parliament's amendments seek to increase the size of the flooring areas proposed by the Commission and call for the minimum welfare standards agreed to be applied from 1 Januray 2012, delivery of a Commission report on pig welfare to be brought forward from 2008 to 2004 and a ban on imports of pig-meat from non-EU countries that fail to match the standard laid down in the legislation. Lastly, it also wants production in third countries to be raised at the WTO.

Protection of animals: welfare of intensively kept pigs and sows (amend. Directive 91/630/EEC)

2001/0021(CNS) - 23/10/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to lay down minimum standards for the protection of pigs. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Directive 2001/88/EC amending directive 91 /630/EEC laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs. CONTENT : The Council adopted this Directive, the main aims of which are: - the ban on the use of individual stalls for pregnant sows and gilts and the use of tethers - the increase in the living space availalbe for sows and pigs - the introduction of a higher level of training and competence on welfare issues for stockmen and personnel in charge of animals. - the Commission must draw up two separate reports. The first, to be submitted before 1 July 2005, will take into account socio-economic consequences, environmental effects and different climactic conditions. The other, to be submitted before 1 January 2008, will cover such matters as the effects of stock density and the impact of stall design. Parliament's concerns on production in third countries are not part of the Directive. DATE OF TRANSPOSITION : 01/01/03. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01/12/2001.