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**Impact assessment in the EU and third countries
of measures on animal cloning for food
production in the EU**

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STATE OF PLAY

The Commission proposal on novel food of 2008:

Ordinary Procedure stopped end of March 2011.



STATE OF PLAY

The **Commission** proposal on animal cloning for food production planned **for 2013**.

Roadmap available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/roadmaps_2012_en.htm#SANCO.

Impact assessment necessary by the end of **2012**.



AVAILABLE INFORMATION

Commission report October 2010.

European Food Safety Authority (**EFSA**) opinion of July 2008 and 2009 and 2010 EFSA statements.

European Group of Ethics (**EGE**) opinion of 2008 on the ethical problems.

Euro barometer of October 2008.

All documents are available at this webpage:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biotechnology/novelfood/initiatives_en.htm



CONSULTATION AND COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Member States (Questionnaire)

Third countries (Questionnaire)

**Public consultation using Interactive
Policy Marketing (IPM) tool.**

**Advisory group (Plenary 16 March+
working group 14 May)**



CONSULTATION AND COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

EFSA to update assessment by June 2012.

**An external study for collection and analysis
of data, for first half 2012.**



MEMBER STATES AND THIRD COUNTRIES QUESTIONNAIRE

- Contact
- State of legislation and use of cloning
 - For TCs – plans to draft special legislation*
- Imports of clones and reproductive materials from cloned animals by private companies or breeding centres
- Special identification and registration of : cloned animals, reproductive material from cloned animals, imports of clones
- Current knowledge about the impact of cloning on the health and welfare of animals
- Risk assessment on the safety of food derived from clones

MEMBER STATES AND THIRD COUNTRIES QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire for TC is also meant to compare the current state of cloning in TC with the current legislation options for the EU:

Existence, or plans to set up, a traceability system:

- for food derived from cloned animals
- for food derived from offspring

And finally it requests general information on cloning for research purposes, even unrelated to food production.

Public Consultation - IPM

The questionnaire is structured in four main sections:

General information on the respondent

Background information on the subject

Preferences about the possible legislative measures

Preferences regarding EU policy options

Public Consultation - IPM

Sections:

- 1- Identification of the type of respondent, based on its role (individual, academic, enterprise, professional organization, international organization, etc.), country of origin and perceived level of knowledge about the subject
 - **Specific section to identify SMEs**
- 2- Clarifying information on the terms used in the questionnaire (glossary), on existing scientific information and current legislation. Although the IPM is not meant to inform the public about cloning, some **background information** is essential to properly answer it.

Public Consultation - IPM

3- An explanation of the **possible measures** on animal cloning for food production prepares the respondent for the core of the questionnaire. Respondents state their preferences about four main measures:

- **Ban and pre-market approval**
- **Identification and registration**
- **Traceability**
- **Consumer information (labelling)**

Public Consultation - IPM

4- The **policy options** that have been set up in the roadmap are explained and the respondent is asked to state its preferred choice. This question is meant to summarize the public's opinion about concrete policy solutions.

A final open question allows the respondent to provide comments or raise issues that were left uncovered by the questionnaire.

Additional questions specific to SMEs will gather the information needed for the SME test.

ROADMAP POLICY OPTIONS

1. Status quo, retain the current legal framework
2. Pre-market approval + traceability and labelling
3. Commission report 2010
4. Commission report 2010 + traceability and labelling
5. Total ban



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Please provide your position by 30 April to this e-mail address:

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