



# Group housing of sows Options for proper enforcement of Directive 2008/120/EC

Stakeholders' and Member States meeting  
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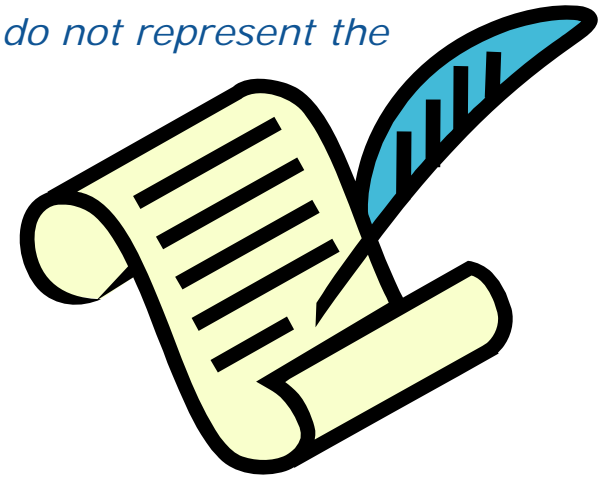
# State of Implementation

- **Estimations** on 19.3.2012 on the basis of the data sent by 27 Member States
- **12 MS estimate they will fully comply by 31.12.2012**
- 7 MS at least 90% compliant holdings by 31.12.2012
- 5 MS 70% to 89% compliant holdings by 31.12.2012
- 3 MS no previsions for 31.12.2012 and current level of compliance ranges from 28% to 55-60% compliant holdings

# Main outcomes stakeholders' discussion (1)

- Options proposed by stakeholders
- Options proposed by Member States
- Experience gained for meeting deadlines with EU welfare legislation

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## Main outcomes stakeholders' discussion (2)

- Financial support of producers – State Aids/Rural development
- Increase auditing and inspections both by FVO and MS authorities
- Avoid adoption of new prescriptive EU animal welfare standards in the next years to allow financial and technical investments to pay off

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## Main outcomes stakeholders' discussion (3)



- Private quality schemes
- Access to all stakeholders to the MS action plans to ensure enforcement
- Reward/sanction system in slaughterhouses
- Additional time to implement the Directive

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## Main outcomes stakeholders' discussion (4)

- Official listing of pig breeders not in compliance by 1.1.2013
- Traceability schemes on the origin of products
- Reduction of pig production capacity



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## Main outcomes stakeholders' discussion (5)

- Better information of EU consumers on EU welfare standards
- Equivalent AW standards to be applied to Third Countries import

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# After 1 January 2013

## Commission

- Infringement procedures against non compliant MS will be launched as of 1 January 2013
- FVO audits in MS to check compliance
- Monitoring of implementation of national action plans
- Monitoring of internal market





# After 1 January 2013

## National action plans of MS:

- Increase number of inspections
- Sanctions to non complaint farmers
- ✓ Fines
- ✓ Suspension of the activity of non compliant breeding sites
- ✓ Reduce the number of sows to 9 or fewer
- ✓ Withdrawal of registration of the holding

## After 1.1.2013

### Private insurance schemes and retailers

- Ensure compliance with the standards of the scheme



## Follow up

- Commission will examine the outcomes of the meeting and inform stakeholders' and Member States of the follow up given through the following committees
  - SCFCAH: Standing Committee for the Food Chain and Animal Health
  - Advisory group for pig meat
  - Advisory group of the food chain and animal and plant health

# Thank you for your attention

