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Single Market Enforcement

Notification of Regulatory Barriers

Notification Number : 2025/0504/NL (Netherlands)

Legislative proposal by member Ouwehand amending the Animals Act and the Economic Offences Act in connection with abolition of industrial livestock production.

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Message

Message 001

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Notification of a draft text from a Member State

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Ne zahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késéset - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidējimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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1. MSG 001 IND 2025 0504 NL EN 05-09-2025 NL NOTIF

2. Netherlands

3A. Ministerie van Financien, Douane Groningen, CDIU.

3B. Ministerie van Landbouw, Visserij, Voedselzekerheid en Natuur
Directie Wetgeving en Juridische Zaken.

4. 2025/0504/NL - C90A - Well-being of animals and pets

5. Legislative proposal by member Ouwehand amending the Animals Act and the Economic Offences Act in connection with abolition of industrial livestock production.

6. Animal welfare when keeping animals.



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8. The amendment to Article 2.1 (Article I(A)) and the newly proposed Article 2.2a (Article I(C)) that are proposed in the attached legislative proposal may contain technical regulations, which concern the following provisions:

- Defining which behavioural needs of animals must be met in livestock farming.
- A ban on physical interventions on animals if these interventions are performed in order to keep them within a certain system or accommodation and if there is no veterinary need for them.

Since the provisions fit within European legislation on animal welfare, a mutual recognition clause has not been included. The inclusion of a mutual recognition clause has no added value in this case, and is, therefore, not necessary.

9. The newly proposed articles may contain technical regulations.

This legislative proposal aims to improve the welfare of animals.

Animal welfare is a legitimate objective of general interest (see, inter alia, the Andibel ruling: ECLI:EU:C:2008:353). The measures included in this legislative proposal are proportionate because the measures are necessary to protect the general interest and a reasonable transition period is provided for, thereby seeking to find a fair balance and careful balancing of interests. The measures also meet the wishes of society and the Lower House of Parliament to improve the welfare of animals in livestock farming by offering space to the natural behavioural needs of animals.

The measures constitute the least restrictive means of achieving the intended objective and are, therefore, necessary. The measures apply within the Netherlands without discrimination on grounds of nationality.

10. Numbers or titles of the basic texts:

11. No

12.

13. No

14. No

15. No

16.

TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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