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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Marlene Mortler

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Implementation report on on-farm animal welfare
(2020/2085(INI))

Amendment 1
Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion
Citation 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- ***having regard to the European Commission's Fitness Check Roadmap to assess the effectiveness, relevance, efficiency and consistency of on-farm animal welfare including EU rules on animal transport and slaughter;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion
Citation 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- ***having regard to the EU Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance;***

Or. pt

Amendment 3
Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. whereas ***livestock farming plays a prominent role in EU agriculture, as it is not only economically and environmentally, but also culturally highly significant for EU regions;***

A. whereas ***the EU industrial animal agricultural model must move away from current practices and adopt regenerative models such as agro-ecology and organic systems that promote a high standard of animal welfare free from maltreatment,***

abuse, pain or suffering and promoting the five domains: good nutrition, environment, health, allowing the animals to demonstrate their natural behaviour;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Mick Wallace, Clare Daly

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas livestock farming plays a prominent role in *EU* agriculture, ***as it is not only economically and environmentally, but also culturally highly significant for EU regions;***

Amendment

A. whereas livestock farming plays a prominent role in agriculture ***in certain*** EU regions;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Anja Hazekamp, Manuela Ripa

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas livestock farming plays a prominent role in EU agriculture, ***as it is not only economically and environmentally, but also culturally highly significant for EU regions;***

Amendment

A. whereas ***industrial*** livestock farming plays a prominent role in EU agriculture, ***and in just over a decade several million farms have ceased to exist, representing over a third of all farms in Europe, of which the vast majority were small family businesses, due to upscaling and intensification of the agricultural system;***

Or. en

Amendment 6
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas livestock farming plays a ***prominent*** role in EU agriculture, as it is ***not only economically and environmentally, but also culturally highly significant*** for EU regions;

Amendment

A. whereas livestock farming plays a role in EU agriculture, as it is ***of economic, social and cultural significance*** for EU regions;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Michal Wiezik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas livestock farming plays a prominent role in EU agriculture, as it is not only economically ***and environmentally, but*** also culturally highly significant for EU regions;

Amendment

A. whereas ***traditional extensive*** livestock farming plays a prominent role in EU agriculture, as it is not only economically ***important and it can work in synergy with environmental goals, but it is*** also culturally highly significant for EU regions; ***whereas this is threatened by intensive forms of production which the current policy environment helps make profitable; calls for all policy instruments coherently working towards support of the traditional European cultural landscape, adoption of regenerative models such as agro-ecology and organic systems, contribution towards objectives of the Green Deal, high animal welfare and phasing out of support for intensive production units;***

Or. en

Amendment 8
Nicolae Ștefănuță, Alin Mituța

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas livestock farming plays a prominent role in EU agriculture, as it is not only economically and environmentally, **but also culturally highly significant for EU regions**;

Amendment

A. whereas livestock farming plays a prominent role in EU agriculture, as it is not only economically and environmentally, significant, **but also an integral part of the EU human culture and society, contributing to the preservation of the Member States' ancient local traditions**;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Anja Hazekamp, Manuela Ripa

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas, as significant developments in animal welfare science have taken place since the existing EU farm animal welfare legislation was adopted, it is vital to revise and augment the existing body of animal welfare legislation to bring it into line with the latest scientific advancements and to respond to societal demands for improvement of the welfare of animals and the elimination of outdated livestock housing systems and other production practices that negatively impact their welfare;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Sirpa Pietikäinen

**Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas the latest scientific knowledge and increased consumer interest show the need for revising and introducing new legislation to improve animal welfare and make the farming of animals more sustainable;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Pascal Canfin, Martin Hojsík, Pascal Durand

**Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas European citizens are increasingly concerned about animal suffering and improving the welfare of farm animals is an insistent and important demand from consumers; whereas high animal welfare standards contribute to the quality of products and farmers must be able to benefit from all the necessary support from the European Union to meet the expectations of European consumers by making a transition to models that better respect animal sensitivity;

Or. en

**Amendment 12
Marlene Mortler**

**Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas consumer interest in the origin, preservation and quality of food purchased is higher than ever, and whereas food quality in relation to animal welfare and animal health therefore has an important part to play in achieving the goals of the Green Deal;

Or. de

Amendment 13

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas animal welfare is a topic of growing interest for society as it becomes more sensitive to how animals are treated, and especially how they are farmed;

Or. fr

Amendment 14

Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas livestock farming is a key pillar in the sustainability of rural areas in the EU;

Or. es

Amendment 15

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas Article 13 TFEU provides that in formulating and implementing inter alia the Union's policies, the Union and the Member States are to pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals, since they are sentient beings, while respecting the legislative or administrative provisions and customs of the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas Article 13 of the TFEU considers animals as sentient beings, thus capable of feeling pleasure and pain; therefore EU legislation must ensure that animals are kept in conditions that do not subject them to maltreatment, abuse, pain or suffering;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas a code adopted by Members of the Parliament of Wallonia that came into force on 1 January 2019 defines an animal as a sentient being, with feelings, emotions and even a certain level of consciousness;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Mick Wallace, Clare Daly

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union' (TFEU) recognises that animals are sentient beings;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas farm animals were recognised by the Union as sentient beings;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Michal Wiezik

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas the requirements under the animal welfare measure of the Rural Development Programmes are met by an increase of a crate size^{1a} ; whereas the measure does not result in fulfilment of ethological needs of animals;

^{1a} e.g. operation under M14 in the Slovak Rural Development programme increases the crate size by 15% from the 5.13 m2 to 5.9 m2 for a dairy cow.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Mick Wallace, Clare Daly, Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas animal welfare can be improved by increasing farm resilience, including increasing the genetic variability of animals on farms; whereas there is a worryingly low level of genetic diversity of farm animals in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas livestock farming has a significant environmental impact in terms of both biodiversity and ecological balance;

Or. pt

Amendment 23

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas the health and economic crisis has cost farmers dear;

Or. fr

Amendment 24

Anja Hazekamp, Manuela Ripa

Draft opinion

Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas unhealthy diets, high in salt, sugar, fat and animal protein are a leading risk factor for disease and mortality in Europe; and at the same time antimicrobial resistance, hazardous pesticides and exposure to endocrine disrupting chemicals via food and food packaging, are also increased threats to public health;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Mick Wallace, Clare Daly, Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. *whereas improving animal welfare reduces dependency on antimicrobials;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. *whereas EU animal welfare legislation is currently not applicable to marine invertebrates, like crabs and lobsters; whereas several third countries have already included decapod crustaceans in their animal welfare legislation; whereas Switzerland has already implemented a ban on the practice of boiling lobsters alive;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. *whereas potential changes to European animal welfare legislation should be based on Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in accordance with the*

*principle of subsidiarity and respect for
Member States' competences in this area;*

Or. es

Amendment 28

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas in Europe, the European Union began drawing up legislation on animal welfare following the adoption in 1976 of a general convention of the Council of Europe concerning all species of domestic animals;

Or. fr

Amendment 29

Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion

Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas, according to the Farm to Fork Strategy, 10.3% of EU greenhouse gas emissions are attributable to agriculture, with almost 70% of agricultural emissions coming from the livestock sector;

Or. pt

Amendment 30

Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion

Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. *whereas animal welfare is directly related to animal health; whereas stressed animals are more prone to infections and since some diseases that can infect animals can pass to humans (zoonotic diseases);*

Or. en

Amendment 31

Michal Wiezik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion

Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. *whereas the spending under the EU and national budget on animal welfare should be cost-efficient and make a tangible improvement in the lives of animals concerned;*

Or. en

Amendment 32

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ac. *whereas The Lancet Infectious Diseases Commission has stressed that instead of relying on the routine use of antimicrobials, further effort is required to develop health-orientated systems for the rearing of animals; considers that*

good health should always be prioritised and integral to the system rather than being propped up by routine use of antimicrobials; whereas it is important to recognise the positive association between good animal welfare and reduced antibiotic use in animals that are well cared for and appropriately housed, are less prone to diseases and infections requiring less antibiotics and other veterinary medicines;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Anja Hazekamp, Manuela Ripa

Draft opinion
Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ac. whereas a diet rich in plant-based foods and with fewer animal source foods confers both improved health and environmental benefits, and transformation to healthy diets by 2050 will require substantial dietary shifts, whereas global consumption of fruits, vegetables, nuts and legumes will have to double, and consumption of foods such as red meat and sugar will have to be reduced by more than 50% in order to achieve dietary shifts towards less resource-intensive products (more plant based, less refined);

Or. en

Amendment 34
Manuela Ripa
on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ac. whereas, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), promotes animal welfare through the ‘One Welfare’ approach recognising the close interlinkage between animal health and welfare and human health and welfare - if an animal is healthy, has enough space, is well nourished, feels safe, is free to express normal patterns of behaviour and does not suffer from feelings such as fear, pain and distress;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion

Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ac. whereas the ‘One Health’ approach, recognises that human and animal health and environmental protection are interlinked and that diseases are transmissible from humans to animals and vice versa and should therefore be addressed together;

Or. pt

Amendment 36

Michal Wiezik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion

Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ac. calls on the EU to adopt measures

promoting reduction in the production and consumption of terrestrial and aquatic animal products in order to improve animal welfare and in order to help the EU meet its climate targets under the European Green Deal;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion
Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ac. whereas hunting is a legal activity that is regulated perfectly by the Member States, with high standards with regard to ethics and protecting animal welfare;

Or. es

Amendment 38
Anja Hazekamp, Manuela Ripa

Draft opinion
Recital A d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ad. whereas industrial livestock farming results in high greenhouse gas emissions, soil degradation, air pollution, water contamination and biodiversity loss, and agriculture is responsible for about 90% of EU ammonia emissions, which has significant negative effects on the environment and biodiversity, and is a major contributor to the air pollution that kills 400,000 European citizens each year;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Mick Wallace, Clare Daly, Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ad. whereas the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) "End the Cage Age", launched on 11 September 2018 and closed a year later, gained over 1.6 million signatures calling for a ban on cruel caged farming in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion
Recital A d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ad. whereas the aim set out in the Farm to Fork Strategy is a 50% reduction in sales of antimicrobials for livestock and fish farms by 2030;

Or. pt

Amendment 41
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Recital A e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ae. whereas there are conditions that humankind should provide animals with to ensure their welfare:

- *freedom from hunger, malnutrition and thirst: they must have access to water and an appropriate amount of food that meets the needs of their species;*
- *freedom from fear and distress: the conditions in which they are reared must not cause them psychological suffering;*
- *freedom from heat stress or physical discomfort: the animal must have a certain degree of physical comfort;*
- *freedom from pain, injury and disease: the animal must not be hurt or injured through ill-treatment and it must receive treatment if it falls ill;*
- *freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour: its environment must be a suitable one for its species;*

Or. fr

Amendment 42

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion

Recital A e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ae. whereas the Union animal welfare legislation (Council Directive 98/58/EC; Council Directive 1999/74/EC; Council Directive 2007/43/EC; Council Directive 2008/120/EC of 18 December 2008; Council Directive 2008/119/EC; Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005; Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009) is widely acknowledged as being too vague, fragmented, open to interpretation and lacking effective enforcement across the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ae. whereas there are over 300 million farmed animals each year caged for part or all of their lives, and there are grave concerns throughout the EU regarding the welfare of animals reared and farmed in cages, as animals are not even able to stand straight, to stretch or to turn around and it is impossible for animals kept in cages to exhibit their natural behaviour;

Or. en

Amendment 44 Mick Wallace, Clare Daly, Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ae. whereas every year, over 300 million farmed animals in the EU are caged for part or all of their lives, which is unnecessary and easily preventable suffering;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion
Recital A f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Af. whereas the European Court of

Auditors identified significant gaps and a general lack of enforcement of EU animal welfare legislation and practices prohibited under EU law, such as the routine tail docking of pigs continue to be practiced; underlines that in the context of food safety, environment, climate action, animal welfare and equality between Member States, the Commission should ensure full implementation and enforcement of Directives, and that in the event of violations, Member States should impose strong sanctions, starting with the routine docking of piglet tails, which has been outlawed in the EU since 1991;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Recital A f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Af. whereas animal welfare is defined as [the animal's] 'positive physical and mental state as related to the fulfilment of its physiological and behavioural needs in addition to its expectations. This state can vary depending on the animal's perception of a given situation'^{1 a}. An animal feels needs but also has expectations. It is capable of experiencing both positive and negative feelings based on responses to these expectations and needs;

^{1 a} Opinion of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES); February 2018 at <https://www.anses.fr/fr/content/avis-de-lances-relatif-au-%C2%AB%C2%A0bien-%C3%AAtre-animal-contexte->

Amendment 47
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ag. whereas in the EU nearly 120 million rabbits are commercially farmed, of which almost all of them are confined to cages for their entire lives; whereas in the EU over 350 million laying hens are commercially farmed, of which almost half of them are kept in overcrowded cages with no more space than an A4 sheet of paper; whereas in the EU around 11 million sows have to give birth and suckle their piglets in a cage; whereas in the EU at least 140 million quail are kept in cages in which they are unable to perform basic behaviour; whereas in the EU around 40 million ducks and geese are annually imprisoned in cages during their lives for the production of foie gras; whereas in the EU around 20 million dairy calves are born every year, of which more than half of these are kept in small, individual pens away from their mother;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ag. *whereas the EU Regulation on official controls requires Member States to audit their systems for official inspections on feed and food law and animal health and welfare, and Commission Decision 2006/677/EC sets out guidelines recommending that such audits are conducted at least every five years;*

Or. en

Amendment 49

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Recital A g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ag. *whereas unfair competition in the farming sector from outside of the EU is one of the indirect causes of the deterioration in animals' living conditions caused by the drive for profitability;*

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Recital A h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ah. *whereas it has been found that the General Directive has generally been less impactful than the species-specific Directives, due to the vague nature of the requirements and the large margins of interpretation it has allowed and the absence of species-specific protections for*

*dairy cows, broiler and hen breeders,
rabbits, sheep and turkeys;*

Or. en

Amendment 51

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Recital A h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ah. whereas Thailand, Brazil and Ukraine, account altogether for 90 % of the imports from third countries that have all been subjected to audits by DG SANTE and that highlighted a large number of significant deficiencies in the production process and in observing EU legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion

Recital A h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ah. whereas when the Suez Canal was blocked by the cargo ship Ever Given this forced many vessels to wait out at sea for several days. Ships carrying live animals were among these vessels; whereas such a situation is unacceptable for animals;

Or. fr

Amendment 53

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

**Draft opinion
Recital A i (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ai. whereas more than 2.8 million live cattle, sheep and goats were exported by sea from the EU Member States to countries in the Mediterranean region in 2018. This figure is made up of over 625 000 head of cattle and 2.2 million sheep and goats (56 % of them from Romania) that were shipped to countries such as Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, or Libya, according to an April 2020 report by the European Commission;

Or. fr

**Amendment 54
Anja Hazekamp, Manuela Ripa**

**Draft opinion
Recital A i (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ai. whereas moving away from intensive livestock farming practices towards sustainable, extensive agriculture will deliver an immense reduction in methane emissions from the agricultural sector while also providing benefits for the environment, biodiversity, animal welfare and public health; whereas drastically reducing the number of animals kept in the EU for agriculture is an essential step in this process;

Or. en

**Amendment 55
Manuela Ripa**

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ai. whereas important changes in animal husbandry are required to reconcile the Union's animal welfare legislation with other EU policies such as the Farm to Fork and biodiversity strategies, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A j (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aj. whereas EU farmers, as well as NGOs, have expressed concerns over the economic, social and environmental impacts of imports of cheaply produced chicken meat and misleading labelling of chicken meat processed in the European Union, but originating from third countries; whereas unfair competition and a failure to comply with EU standards places European businesses at a competitive disadvantage;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A j (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aj. whereas adapting our diets and drastically reducing the production and consumption of animals while developing alternative protein sources to substitute meat, dairy and other animal products is a cost-effective, quick, healthy and easy measure to fight methane-induced climate change and will realise countless co-benefits for human, animal and ecosystem health and welfare;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Recital A k (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ak. whereas in 2016, the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety consulted EU citizens to gather their opinions on animal welfare within the EU; whereas, too, 94 % of the EU citizens questioned were of the view that protecting the welfare of farm livestock is important; whereas, finally, 82 % of EU citizens were of the view that the welfare of farm livestock should be better protected than it is at present;

Or. fr

Amendment 59

Róża Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion

Recital A k (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ak. whereas the special 2016 Eurobarometer on animal welfare showed that 94% of EU citizens believe that welfare of farm animals is important, 82% think farm animals should be better protected and 59% are willing to pay 5% more for animal-friendly products;

Or. en

**Amendment 60
Anja Hazekamp**

**Draft opinion
Recital A k (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ak. whereas there are grave concerns regarding the poor welfare, high stress levels, high mortality and morbidity of farm rabbits in Europe, as already concluded by EFSA in 2005; whereas the detrimental effects on the welfare of farm rabbits are often the result of poor housing systems and cages;

Or. en

**Amendment 61
Anja Hazekamp**

**Draft opinion
Recital A l (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Al. whereas the agricultural subsidies to promote agricultural products inside and outside the EU drastically increased

the past years, namely to 142,5 million euros in 2017, 188.5 million euros in 2018 and 200 million euros in 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Recital A m (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Am. whereas animals should no longer be adapted to the system, but the system should be adapted to the animals' needs and behaviour instead, meaning that it should not be allowed to hurt an animal, cause injury to an animal or harm the health or welfare of an animal with the aim of housing the animal in a certain way;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion
Recital A m (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Am. whereas in recent decades, European food and farming have become heavily unbalanced and unsustainable in favour of industrial agricultural systems and intensive livestock farming;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

**Draft opinion
Recital A m (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Am. whereas industrial animal farming is incompatible with animal welfare due to extreme suffering as well as cruel practices experienced by animals;

Or. en

**Amendment 65
Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut**

**Draft opinion
Recital A m (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Am. whereas animal farming is one of the main sources of human-induced greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for 14.5% of the total according to FAO;

Or. en

**Amendment 66
Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut**

**Draft opinion
Recital A m (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Am. whereas the spread of zoonotic diseases such as avian and swine flu, or Salmonella, and air pollution from ammonia emissions (90% of which comes from farming, according to the European Environment Agency) are major public health risks linked to intensive animal farming;

Amendment 67
Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion
Recital A m (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Am. whereas a sustainable and more organic diet will accelerate the achievement of the Green Deal objectives while protecting our climate and environment, people's health, farmers' livelihoods and farm animal welfare, both in Europe and worldwide;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area in 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear ***and fit to protect all farmed animals during rearing, transport and slaughter***; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out, ***and EU-harmonised sanction systems put forward***; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area in 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy, ***by reversing intensification in animal production and significantly reducing the stress at the time of***

transport, slaughter as well as during culling operations;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission's *efforts* to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation *in this area in 2023* in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's *commitment* to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health, *taking into account the latest advancements in animal welfare science and responding to public, political and market demands for higher animal welfare standards*, and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of *animal welfare* legislation in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy, *but urges the Commission to already deliver concrete proposals by 2022*;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that

these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area in 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area in 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy; ***emphasises that changes made in the area of animal welfare must not undermine the economic sustainability of livestock farms;***

Or. es

Amendment 71

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area in 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

Amendment

1. Welcomes ***the Commission's goal to halve sales of antimicrobials for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 2030; stresses that antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a growing transnational, cross-border public health threat where coordinated EU action on animal welfare should be prioritised; takes note of the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that these requirements must include a ban on the use of all cages in EU animal farming by 2027 at the latest; underlines the urgent need for a clear definition animal welfare and of intensive animal farming in the EU legal system*** should be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks ***on terrestrial and aquatic animal production*** must be carried out; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area in 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm

to Fork Strategy; ***calls on the Commission to urgently revise Council Directive 98/58/EC concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes and Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport to harmonise and integrate animal welfare with the SDGs and Paris Agreement;***

Or. en

Amendment 72
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. ***Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate*** legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; ***welcomes the Commission's planned*** revision of legislation in this ***area in 2023 in keeping with*** the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

Amendment

1. ***Urges the Commission to advance the revision of*** legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements ***lead to high animal welfare and*** are clear ***and implementable***; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; ***emphasises that the Commission should ensure that the relevant EU rules are fully implemented by Member States; calls on the Commission to fast-track a*** revision of legislation in this ***as soon as possible, based on the highest animal welfare standards and extending the scope, in line with the latest scientific evidence and*** the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Nicolae Ștefănuță, Alin Mituța

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried **out**; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area in 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate **and optimize** legislation on animal welfare and animal health, **without delay**, and ensure that the requirements are clear **and well-defined**; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried **out in line with the applicable legislation**; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area in 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy, **particularly as on-farm animal welfare is recognised in the Strategy as being central to contribute at reducing reliance on the excessive use of veterinary medications, at protecting human health and at helping preserve biodiversity**;

Or. en

Amendment 74 **Hermann Tertsch**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area in 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that the requirements are clear; stresses that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area in 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy; **points out that changes to legislation must be made gradually, be**

based on science and provide the financial support necessary to ensure that farms can be transformed without putting their survival at risk;

Or. es

Amendment 75

Michal Wiezik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and ensure that *the requirements are clear; stresses* that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area *in* 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to consolidate legislation on animal welfare and animal health and *to* ensure that *it is clear and fit for purpose; stresses that these* requirements *must include a ban on the use of all cages in EU animal farming by 2027*, that these requirements must be applied correctly and uniformly throughout the EU and that regular and comprehensive checks must be carried out, *breaches duly investigated and sanctioned accordingly*; welcomes the Commission's planned revision of legislation in this area *by* 2023 in keeping with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Deeply regrets that a number of issues related to Regulation (EC) No

1/2005 are yet to be resolved, including: overcrowding; insufficient headroom; failure to provide the required rest stops, food and water; inadequate ventilation and watering devices; transport in extreme heat; transport of unfit animals; transport of unweaned calves; the need to ascertain the pregnancy status of live animals; the extent to which the journey logs are checked; the ‘mixed’ impact of training, education and certification; and insufficient bedding, as identified by the European Court of Auditors in its Special Report No 31/2018;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Pascal Canfin, Martin Hojsík, Pascal Durand

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that the COVID 19 pandemic has showed the interconnection between the health of humans, animals and the environment as evidenced notably by the case of animals bred for their fur; insists on the need to improve animal health in animal agriculture as part of the One Health approach ; calls on the European Commission to also develop the One Welfare approach as part of the revision of the legislation on animal welfare;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Draws the attention to the fact that, in line with the concept of One Health, animal welfare is many ways related to human health, for instance in terms of zoonotic spread risk or in terms of animal product consumption;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Mick Wallace, Clare Daly, Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that consistently applying the One Health Principle can improve on-farm animal welfare;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. With a view to the One Health approach, welcomes the Commission's goal to halve sales of antimicrobials for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 2030; points to the fact that to achieve this goal, improved animal husbandry practices are essential, as better animal welfare improves animal health, thus reducing the need for medication;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that the EU Directives on on-farm animal welfare are found to be outdated, often inadequate, too vague, lacking specific protections and providing exceptions or derogations to requirements, resulting into a number of undesirable practices violating the welfare of animals that have continued to be allowed;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Rejects the disinformation campaigns and false data that regularly besmirch the reputation of the European livestock sector; calls for recognition of the efforts and investments that European livestock farmers have made over the last decade to raise animal welfare standards in European production;

Or. es

Amendment 83
Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Acknowledges the importance of the Commission external study on animal welfare labelling foreseen to start first half of 2021; in this regard, calls on the Commission to assess a reliable traceability mechanism of animals and animal products to apply also to animal source foods from non-EU countries;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that the Member States should be able to prohibit the sale of products within their territory that they consider to be injurious to animal welfare, even if said products are authorised in other Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 85

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Notes that 70 billion farm animals are kept worldwide and transported globally on an ever-increasing scale, and that the industrial livestock system, by concentrating large amounts of fragile

and stressed animals in confined spaces, is one of the major risk factors of the outbreak and the spreading of zoonoses and poses therefore great danger to public health; is therefore of the opinion that the EU needs to swift away from the continued intensification of the livestock production to regional and small-scale food production;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ib. Notes that billions of farm animals transported globally on an increasing scale, and in Europe, there are millions of farmed animals caged for part or all of their lives are restricted to small confined spaces making it impossible for those animals to exhibit their natural behaviours; reiterates that the current industrial livestock model that confines thousands of animals into confined spaces, is a major contributing factor to zoonoses; in that regard, considers that the EU needs to move away from the intensification of livestock production towards a more extensive model that priorities the animals health and welfare instead of relying on the routine use of antimicrobials or other hazardous chemicals;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Reiterates the need to regulate specific species that currently remain unprotected by EU animal welfare legislation; respondents underlined the importance of introducing species-specific legislation: for dairy cattle; laying hens, breeders and broilers, beef cattle, pullets, turkeys, ducks geese, farmed rabbits; farmed fish; sheep and goats; calls on Commission to bring forward proposals in that regard;

Or. en

Amendment 88

Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Pascal Canfin, Martin Hojsík, Pascal Durand

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Takes note of the citizens' initiative "End the Cage Age" and calls for the revision of Directive 98/58 which would provide for a phasing out of cage farming systems as soon as possible as well as adequate measures to support farmers in this transition and ensure a fair level playing field;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Mick Wallace, Clare Daly, Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Supports the ECI “End the Cage Age” and urges the Commission to start a legislative process to ban caged farming;

Or. en

**Amendment 90
Hermann Tertsch**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Demands that EU trade policy take into account the significant differences between European animal welfare standards and those of third countries, in order to prevent unfair competition from imported products without the minimum animal welfare guarantees;

Or. es

**Amendment 91
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Regrets that after having banned certain practices within its territory on animal welfare grounds, a Member State can be forced to accept in the name of the single market the marketing of foreign products that contravene this ban;

Or. fr

Amendment 92

Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Pascal Canfin, Martin Hojsík, Pascal Durand

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Stresses that legislation relating to the welfare of farm animals must be species specific and should be compatible with scientific data relating to animal sensitivity and be updated as scientific knowledge evolves;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Calls on the Commission to make animal welfare a ground permitting derogation from the single market, as is the case for health, environment or consumer protection;

Or. fr

Amendment 94

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Regrets the decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union of

1 October 2020 in which the Court prevented the imposition by Member States of a mandatory label mentioning the geographical origin of milk; recalls that the mention of the geographic origin is conducive to better informing consumers and improving animal welfare, while ensuring farmers a better remuneration;

Or. fr

Amendment 95

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Notes that large scale industrial fish farming and aquaculture in particular relies heavily on the use of antibiotics to combat infectious diseases as edwardsiellosis, streptococcosis and acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease, which tend to increase with warmer temperatures and threaten food security;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1e. Calls therefore on the Commission to put forward an amendment to Regulation No 1169/2011, and its Articles 26, 38 and 39 in particular, in

order to permit Member States to impose labelling mentioning the geographical origin of all foodstuffs;

Or. fr

Amendment 97
Pietro Fiocchi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 98
Róża Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Council's *efforts* to promote the development of an *EU* animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

2. Welcomes the Council's *conclusions* to promote the development of an *EU-wide* animal welfare label *for as many food producing animals as possible*, based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to ***promote the development of*** an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised ***and technically substantiated*** criteria;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to ***introduce*** an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised criteria; ***expresses its strong support for the development of a mandatory EU animal welfare label, and calls on the Commission to proceed with the relevant preparations in view of submitting a proposal;***

Or. en

Amendment 100
Sergio Berlato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. ***Welcomes*** the Council's ***efforts*** to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Amendment

2. ***Notes*** the Council's ***position seeking*** to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Or. it

Amendment 101
Christine Schneider, Alexander Bernhuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the ***Council's*** efforts to promote the development of ***an*** EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the efforts to promote the development of ***a single*** EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Amendment 102

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria; ***deeply regrets that 24 various animal welfare labelling systems across the EU at farm level reinforce a fragmented and inefficient labelling system; considers that a harmonised coherent labelling methodology that fully integrates animal welfare should provide transparent information on the animal's quality of life from birth, including live transport and slaughter; recommends that this should include photographic images of the animals that are kept under organic farming, conventional farming and factory farming production methods that clearly and concisely indicate the use of GMOs, antibiotics, pesticides and veterinary medicines in animal production in order to promote fair competition and empower consumers to make informed and sustainable food choices;***

Amendment 103

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria, ***which should be species-specific and cover all the stages of the life of the animal, and underlines the importance of a mandatory method of production and origin labelling of meat and dairy products in order to increase transparency, empower consumers and create a level-playing field;***

Or. en

Amendment 104

Mick Wallace, Clare Daly

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria; ***stresses, however, that labels are insufficient for guaranteeing high animal welfare and can only be considered complementary or transitional measures; believes that if a label is to be developed, it must be made mandatory in order to be effective and sufficiently inform consumers;***

Or. en

Amendment 105

Michal Wiezik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and **technically** substantiated criteria;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and **scientifically** substantiated criteria **and proposes that such label is developed jointly and in parallel with the updated minimal criteria when revising the animal welfare legislation;**

Or. en

Amendment 106

Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Pascal Canfin, Martin Hojsík, Pascal Durand

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria; **takes the view that this label should provide consumers with information relating to all stages of the life of farm animals from birth including transport and slaughter;**

Or. en

Amendment 107

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria **and that does not jeopardise the competitiveness of**

the agricultural sector vis-à-vis third countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 108
Tudor Ciuhodaru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote the development of an EU animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically substantiated criteria ***and the immediate implementation of this animal welfare provision;***

Or. ro

Amendment 109
Pietro Fiocchi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the Council's efforts to promote, where possible, the development of a European animal welfare label based on harmonised and technically sound criteria.

Or. en

Amendment 110
Manuela Ripa
on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission found that 9,500 hazardous algae blooms are becoming more frequent through climate change and increased fish farming and aquaculture, fish feed and waste dispersed into the seas is directly causing the proliferation of harmful microalgae blooms, causing fish to die from a lack of oxygen; calls on the Commission and the Member States to implement measures to improve water quality, disease control and to limit stocking densities in aquaculture production in the interests of human health and animal welfare and to take steps to improve the welfare of marine invertebrates, like crabs and lobsters, by including these animals in their animal welfare legislation and harmonised labelling proposal and by banning the practice of boiling these animals alive;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Mick Wallace, Clare Daly, Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that addressing the suffering of animals cannot be effectively addressed through market measures, and instead requires the introduction and implementation of binding high standards for animal welfare; believes that in fact there is no issue with lack of demand among people for high animal welfare products, and that it is obvious that people

do not want to contribute to the suffering of animals; in this light, considers that any harmonised EU animal welfare label will be insufficient for achieving systemic change to properly address the suffering of animals;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Pascal Canfin, Martin Hojsík, Pascal Durand

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Deplores the low level of checks on compliance with animal welfare legislation; calls for increased efforts in monitoring implementation and for the use of harmonised and appropriate sanctions in all Member States; calls on the European Commission to launch infringement procedures against Member States that fail to meet their animal welfare obligations without delay;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that, in the context of food safety, environmental protection, climate action, animal welfare and equality between Member States, the Commission must at all times ensure strict enforcement of European legislation and calls on the Commission to make more

*and better use of infringement procedures
in this regard, including strong sanctions;*

Or. en

Amendment 114

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to submit regular reports to Parliament on the implementation and enforcement of the Union animal welfare legislation, identifying gaps and including a breakdown of infringements by Member State, by species and by type of infringement, in relation to the volume of live animal transport per Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Highlights the voluntary initiatives carried out at national level by sectors such as the pig-farming industry (e.g. Spain's LAWS animal welfare label) with the aim of implementing new animal welfare certificates that go beyond the existing legislative framework and take into account high standards with regard to biosecurity, traceability and the proper

handling of animals;

Or. es

Amendment 116
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Strongly believes that there should be mandatory EU-level animal welfare label; considers that this would improve transparency and increase consumer awareness, while encouraging improvements in animal welfare; points out that according to the implementation study, stakeholders generally consider that an EU label should set out criteria that are species-specific, cover all the stages of the life of the animal and, with the exception of the EU meat industry sector, strictly focus on animal welfare aspects;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Róża Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Highlights the fact that the animal welfare label should be mandatory for all animal source food products sold in the EU, based on a core and standardized set of animal welfare indicators which should cover the entire supply chain: breeding, fattening, transport and slaughter;

Amendment 118
Michal Wiezik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses out that such an animal welfare label should provide transparent information on the animal's life from birth, including live transports and method of slaughter, including whether the animal was pre-stunned and by which system;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Christine Schneider

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. The animal welfare label should include information on production methods and a selection of scientifically-based animal protection indicators concerning, inter alia, husbandry systems and transport;

Or. de

Amendment 120
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls that the Commission is preparing a future EU label; reiterates that this label has to cover the farming, transport and slaughter of the animals;

Or. fr

Amendment 121

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to bring in a mandatory label that will give consumers precise information on:

- the farming method: intensive or extensive, with or without cages;**
- the transport method: by land or sea, over a short or long distance;**
- the slaughter method: with or without prior stunning;**

Or. fr

Amendment 122

Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Draws attention to the fact that animal welfare is something that belongs to the animal, and although the human practices and the environment interfere on it, the use of animal based measures should be encouraged in an European

label;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Points out that additional efforts on the part of farmers to improve animal welfare must be rewarded accordingly through trade;

Or. de

Amendment 124
Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Welcomes the Commission intention to review the Council Regulation 1099/2009 (Slaughter Regulation); stresses the need to align the legislative text with the latest scientific knowledge and evidence, broaden its scope to fish and set mandatory and harmonised higher animal welfare provision for mobile slaughter;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Christine Schneider, Alexander Bernhuber

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Stresses that public awareness and understanding of animal welfare in food production is significantly improved through education in schools and advertising campaigns;

Or. de

Amendment 126

Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Pascal Canfin, Martin Hojsík, Pascal Durand

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Encourages the Member States to strengthen awareness of animal welfare in the context of school courses and in particular in agricultural training courses;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls on the Commission to bring forward proposals without delay to immediately ban the cruel and unnecessary force-feeding of ducks and geese for the production of foie gras;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Reiterates its call on the Commission to bring forward proposals to ban the cruel and unnecessary force-feeding of ducks and geese for the production of foie gras;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Róża Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Highlights that legal standards designed to protect fish are generally far fewer and less stringent than those designed to protect other animals farmed for human consumption; in light of this, points out the need to align EU regulations on fish welfare to the standards set out in the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Christine Schneider, Alexander Bernhuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Calls for our standards of animal protection and welfare to be complied with also in the case of imports from outside the EU if the competitiveness of European producers is to be guaranteed;

Or. de

**Amendment 131
Anja Hazekamp**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

3. Draws attention to the **importance** of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry;

Amendment

3. Draws attention to the **violations** of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry **on the protection of animals during transport; calls in this regard on the Commission to implement and enforce Council Directive 1/2005/EC of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport and to establish a ban on the transport of animals to countries outside of the EU in case the welfare of these animals is not guaranteed, referring to the current incompliance with the ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg that animal welfare protection does not stop at the EU's external borders and that animal transporters departing from the European Union must therefore also comply with European animal welfare rules when leaving the EU;**

Or. en

**Amendment 132
Manuela Ripa**

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Draws attention to*** the importance of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry;

Amendment

3. ***Reiterates*** the importance of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry ***and notes the conclusions of the ECA's Special Report on animal welfare in the EU that recognised that data reported by Member States is not sufficiently complete, consistent, reliable or detailed enough to permit drawing evidence based conclusions on compliance at EU level; calls on the Commission to draw up, a list of operators who have perpetrated repeated and serious breaches, on the basis of inspection and implementation reports; calls on the Commission to publish frequent updates of this list, and also to promote examples of best practice in both transport and governance;***

Or. en

Amendment 133
Michal Wiezik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Draws attention to the importance of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry;

Amendment

3. Draws attention to the importance of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry; ***considers that findings of the Committee should be duly taken into consideration by the European Commission and the Member States and its recommendations should be reflected in the necessary revision of the animal transport regulation No 1/2005; considers***

that this revision should, among others, strengthen the role of contingency plans for long journeys and pay more attention to physiological and ethological needs of animals during transport as demanded by the scientific veterinarian community;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Martin Hojsík, Pascal Durand

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Draws attention to the importance of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry;

Amendment

3. Draws attention to the importance of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry; *recalls that the transport of live animals leads too often to severe animal welfare problems; calls on the European Commission and the Member States to encourage a transition to the transport of meat, carcasses and genetic material and to explore the possibilities of using and developing mobile slaughterhouses and on-farm slaughter;*

Or. en

Amendment 135

Róza Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Draws attention to the importance of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT

Amendment

3. Draws attention to the importance of animal welfare during *live* transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry *to assess*

committee of inquiry;

responsibilities of Member States and the Commission in relation to the poor implementation and enforcement of Council Regulation 1/2005, as well as to put forward recommendations for its revision;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Draws attention to the importance of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry;

Amendment

3. Draws attention to the importance of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry *in order to examine alleged violations in the application of European Union law on the protection of animals during transport within and outside the EU;*

Or. en

Amendment 137
Mick Wallace, Clare Daly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Draws attention to the importance of animal welfare during transport and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry;

Amendment

3. Draws attention to the importance of *ensuring high* animal welfare during transport *in the meantime, as part of the transition to ending the transport of animals*, and welcomes the establishment of the ANIT committee of inquiry;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Emphasises that the transport of live animals does not only pose severe risks to the welfare and health of the animals transported, but also to public health due to the possible spread of diseases, and underlines in this regard the importance of reducing, refining and replacing live transport and to make sure that the revision of the Council Directive 1/2005/EC of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport contains comprehensive species- and category-specific requirements, especially with regards to the maximum duration of a transport, and a more strict and transparent monitoring and reporting system to ensure that systematic violations will be effectively identified and prevented, and that this revision is in full alignment with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Michal Wiezik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Recalls the recent events in the Mediterranean Sea (Elbeik and Karim Allah cases) and in the Suez Canal; stresses that animal welfare requirements can hardly be met during long-distance

journeys of farm animals, especially during transport by sea; urges the Commission to initiate the debate on the necessary changes of the relevant EU legislation in this sense; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure in the meantime that the requirements of the animal transport regulation No 1/2005 are respected and violations of its provisions are dealt with by all appropriate means, including the infringement procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to increase control checks and fully implement mandatory due diligence across the entire animal production and supply chain and, to conduct efficient and systematic inspections of animal consignments before loading, in order to halt practices that worsen animal welfare conditions for the transport by land or sea, such as allowing overstocked means of transport or unfit animals to continue long journeys, or permitting the continued use of control posts with inadequate facilities for resting, feeding and watering of animals in transport;

Or. en

Amendment 141

Günther Sidl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers that the systematic non-compliance with the European Court of Justice ruling requiring that EU animal welfare rules must apply throughout the transport of live animals also outside the EU, demonstrates that the current system is not apt for purpose; calls therefore on the Commission and the Member States to establish a ban on the transport of animals to third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers that the systematic non-compliance with the European Court of Justice ruling requiring that EU animal welfare rules must apply throughout the transport of live animals also outside the EU, demonstrates that the current system is not apt for purpose; calls on the Commission and the Member States to establish a ban on the transport of animals to third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Pascal Canfin, Martin Hojsík, Pascal Durand

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Welcomes the renewing of the mandate of the Platform on Animal Welfare by the European Commission; takes the view that exchanges of good practices should be further strengthened and that the experts of the Platform should be entitled to make recommendations for new legislation or revising existing ones where needed;

Or. en

Amendment 144

Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses the importance of moving forward with the Commission proposal for an integrated nutrient management action plan to address nutrient pollution at source and increase the sustainability of the livestock sector, as outlined in the Farm to Fork Strategy;

Or. pt

Amendment 145

Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Points out that livestock farms in the EU are real innovation hubs that incorporate scientific advances to

constantly improve their infrastructure and practices, consolidating high animal welfare standards to respond to meet the increasing demands of consumers;

Or. es

Amendment 146
Tudor Ciuhodaru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses the need for better monitoring of maritime livestock transport, especially following the accidental blockage of the Suez Canal, which resulted in the deaths of thousands of animals on transport vessels;

Or. ro

Amendment 147
Mick Wallace, Clare Daly, Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers extensification to be one of the quickest and most effective ways of improving on-farm animal welfare, as well as many other benefits for the environment, climate and human health;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Reiterates the importance of taking account of the upcoming findings of the ANIT Committee of Inquiry; stresses the good work being done in the ANIT Committee of Inquiry;

Or. fr

Amendment 149
Sergio Berlato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls for any legislative proposal to be preceded by an impact assessment covering the three levels of sustainability – environmental, economic and social;

Or. it

Amendment 150
Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers that long-distance journeys of live farm animals for the purpose of slaughter cannot be justified by any reason and should be prohibited;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Christine Schneider, Alexander Bernhuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Points out that developing regional abattoirs and authorising regional on-farm slaughter will enable long animal transports to be avoided and regional food supply structures to be strengthened;

Or. de

Amendment 152
Christine Schneider, Alexander Bernhuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Promoting the development of regional abattoirs and authorising on-farm slaughter will further improve the welfare of farm animals;

Or. de

Amendment 153
Manuela Ripa
on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase control checks to monitor for antibiotics and other banned chemical residues found in imports from non-EU countries as part of

the Commission's strategy to effectively address the unregulated use of antibiotics and pesticides used in animal, seafood and aquaculture production; calls for short, local and regional supply chains and urges the Commission and the Member States to fully consider the CJEU ruling C-424/13 and to propose a complete phase out of the export of live animals to third countries by 2025; promoting alternatives to live animal transport, such as meat-and-carcass and genetic material transport for exports and intra-EU trade;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Mick Wallace, Clare Daly, Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *Reminds the Commission that the transport of meat and other animal products is technically easier and ethically more rational than the transport of live animals for the sole purpose of being slaughtered; reiterates its call on the Commission to develop a strategy to shift from live transport to a meat and-carcasses-only trade, given the environmental, animal welfare and food safety impact of live animal transport; considers it an imperative to transition to a completely regional model of livestock production;*

Or. en

Amendment 155
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *Points out that animal welfare also extends to the need to transport the animals; stresses that in certain cases the conditions in which they are transported do not ensure sufficient dignity;*

Or. fr

Amendment 156
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. *Points out that an arsenal of laws in this field (live animal transport) already exists but that these are not enforced;*

Or. fr

Amendment 157
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. *Points out that transport by sea, particularly when animals are exported outside the European Union, causes livestock terrible distress; points out that the animals are cooped up in crowded pens with not enough room to move around and must cope with the ship's motion, a lack of ventilation, unsuitable drinking fixtures and also poor hygiene conditions*

as a result of insufficient litter facilities;

Or. fr

Amendment 158

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3e. Points out also that Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport considers the time spent in transport by sea to be a rest period;

Or. fr

Amendment 159

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3f. Calls, therefore, on the Commission to recognise that transport by sea does not permit a genuine rest period for animals;

Or. fr

Amendment 160

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3g. *Calls also on the Commission to prohibit or restrict drastically the transport of animals by sea because of the difficulty, if not indeed the impossibility, of allowing animals to rest during the time, which may last for several weeks, that they are being transported by sea;*

Or. fr

Amendment 161

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3h. *Calls, finally, on the Commission to draw up a blacklist of third countries where livestock is clearly ill-treated in order to prohibit the export of live animals to said countries;*

Or. fr

Amendment 162

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; ***regrets that only 2% of EU rural development funding has been used to promote animal welfare standards***

more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

beyond minimum standards; calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt measures to end overcrowded, barren sheds; and to rigorously enforce on-farm animal welfare legislation with strong sanctions including the withdrawal of CAP or other EU funds for non-compliance;

calls on the Member States to *be required to specify concrete actions for improving animal welfare in their CAP Strategic Plans, including ending the use of cages in animal farming and requiring greater accessibility to fresh air, natural daylight, environmental enrichment, shelter and shade for all on-farm species and offer greater and effective support, including financial incentives* to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 163

Michal Wieszik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) *seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing* on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer *greater and effective* support to farmers who voluntarily *comply with more stringent* animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) *offers animal welfare measures through the 2nd Pillar; considers however that the operations programmed in number of RDP leading to an increase of a cage or crate size by a certain %, make little or no difference for the animals and thus represent an ineffective use of public money; highlights that investments related to compliance with new standards should be eligible for an additional period after they have become mandatory and that the Strategic Plans should in the area of*

animal welfare focus on the enforcement of *standards of the revised* animal welfare legislation *by 2023 and offer an investment support in order to effectively enforce the ban on cages and crates*; calls *meanwhile* on the Member States to offer support to farmers who voluntarily *implement* animal welfare *measures which fulfil ethological needs of the respective species of animals*, including through national support programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; *however, as noted in the Commission's evaluation of the latest Animal Welfare Strategy, Member States have neglected to take full advantage of these funds for animal welfare purposes, and millions of euros in EU rural development funds available for improving animal welfare are currently unused or poorly used, therefore* calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 165

Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. **Welcomes the fact** that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

Amendment

4. **Confirms** that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; **considers that the improvement of farm animal welfare should be adequately supported by the Strategic Plans and through the use of the new EU Strategic Guidelines on Agriculture, inter alia considerably reducing the need for medication, antibiotics, and preserving biodiversity**; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national

Amendment

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes **and by cutting down**

support programmes;

on bureaucracy and red tape so as to facilitate the transformation of livestock farms and infrastructure;

Or. es

Amendment 167
Sergio Berlato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes; ***calls, therefore, for the financial incentives to come from funds other than those of the CAP;***

Or. it

Amendment 168
Mick Wallace, Clare Daly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. ***Welcomes the fact*** that the common agricultural policy (CAP) ***seeks to*** enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by ***focusing on the enforcement of*** animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support

Amendment

4. ***Believes*** that the common agricultural policy (CAP) ***must*** enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by ***enforcing*** animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who

to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the fact that the common agricultural policy (CAP) seeks to enhance the welfare of on-farm animals by providing financial incentives and by focusing on the enforcement of animal welfare legislation; calls on the Member States to offer greater and effective support to farmers who voluntarily comply with more stringent **and sustainable** animal welfare requirements, including through national support programmes;

Or. pt

Amendment 170
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Notes that fur production, which involves the confinement of thousands of undomesticated animals of a similar genotype in close proximity to one another under chronically stressful conditions can significantly compromise animal welfare and increases their susceptibility to infectious disease, as has

occurred with COVID-19 in mink; urges the Commission and Member States to acknowledge the risks posed to public health and biodiversity by the continued existence of fur farming; calls for Member States, where the practice is still legal, to take legislative action to immediately phase-out fur production and for the Commission to ban the transport, import and export of live mink in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Pietro Fiocchi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Draws attention to the fact that climate change, economic crises, the multiplication of predations affect more severely the alpine mountain farms; therefore invites the Commission to support farms characterized by traditional methods such as the use of high altitude pastures, transhumance, the use of the vegetation gradient and in any case the wild or semi-wild farming, removing all obstacles that today stand in the way of the best continuation of activities;

Or. en

Amendment 172

Róża Thun und Hohenstein, Łukasz Kohut

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Regrets that most animal welfare support measures under the current CAP, as well as in the Commission suggestions for eco-schemes in the future CAP, do not target nor benefit more extensive grazing-based farms where animal welfare standards are generally higher; calls on the Commission and Member States to address this issue by increasing the animal welfare recognition and support provided to smaller and more extensive farms with well adapted interventions;

Or. en

Amendment 173

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Reminds the Commission and the Member States that CAP funds and national envelopes should be appropriately directed to assist farmers in the transition to cage-free, high animal welfare, ecological farming methods with high quality training provided where required to ensure the welfare of the animals and the environmental and financial health that will help to ensure a resilient and sustainable economy;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Points out the progress and improvements – the latter on a voluntary basis – which some Member States have made at national level; welcomes particularly initiatives to reduce the use of antibiotics in poultry farming, increase calving intervals and guarantee species-appropriate, regular job opportunities;

Or. de

Amendment 175

Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for the further promotion of activities that reduce the use of antimicrobials in the livestock sector, mitigating the risk of antimicrobial resistance and contributing to animal welfare;

Or. pt

Amendment 176

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Encourages a continuation of the policy of financial support for farmers as part of animal welfare improvement programmes;

Or. fr

Amendment 177
Anja Hazekamp, Manuela Ripa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Underlines the key role that the EU should play in supporting the development of agro-ecological and plant-based agricultural practices;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Marlene Mortler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission to ensure a focus on creating a resilient, uniformly-implemented animal welfare system through future legislative measures in all the Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 179
Pietro Fiocchi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Stresses the importance of counteracting the reduction in the number of small mountain livestock farms, capable of effectively protecting

the territory, through scientific and economic support;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Stresses that the market for animal products from cage-free, free range and organic systems, as well as the market for plant-based alternatives, is growing in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls for targeted support to be set up that prioritises maintaining or even raising the current productivity of the farmers concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 182
Pietro Fiocchi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Draws attention to the fact that the increase in wolf predation is having a more severe impact on livestock farms in the Alpine mountains; calls on the Commission to consider the possibility of revising the classification of the species "canis lupus" within Community acts and directives with a view to its possible downgrading from a "strictly protected" to a "protected" species;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Points out that castration of piglets to prevent the appearance of disagreeable odours when the meat is cooked is painful for the animal and costly for breeders;

Or. fr

Amendment 184

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4d. Calls, therefore, on Member States to prohibit castration of piglets;

Or. fr

Amendment 185

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4e. Calls also on the Commission to permit Member States to prohibit the import of products from pigs that have been castrated;

Or. fr

Amendment 186

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4f. Recalls that intensive fur farming of animals such as mink continues in Europe; recalls that the conditions in which fur animals are farmed and slaughtered are cruel; recalls also in this regard that overcrowding and a lack of hygiene on these farms facilitates the development of zoonoses or diseases, as occurred with COVID-19;

Or. fr

Amendment 187

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4g. Encourages Member States, therefore, to prohibit fur farming and the

sale and import of products derived from these farms;

Or. fr

Amendment 188

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4h. Points out that intensive farming is harmful to the environment and cares very little about animal welfare; points out that factory farms increase the risk of epidemics linked to the concentration of animals; points out also that products from intensive farming only offer a very low health and nutritional quality for consumers; points out, finally, that intensive farming constitutes harmful competition for the family farm model that shapes our landscapes;

Or. fr

Amendment 189

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4i. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to turn their backs on this out-of-date model and promote instead small farms that care about animal welfare, the environment and consumers;

Or. fr

Amendment 190

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 j (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4j. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to progressively ban caged and battery farming, in which 370 million animals are ill-treated every year in Europe; calls also in this regard on the Commission and the Member States to provide farmers using these farming methods with funding for alternative facilities;

Or. fr

Amendment 191

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 k (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4k. Points out the many advantages of mobile slaughterhouses, as they:

- eliminate the need for animal transport, one factor for ill-treatment owing to the length of the journeys, cramped and crowded conditions, and temperatures that are sometimes too high or, alternatively, too low;**
- replace traditional slaughterhouses which are closing and hence lie further and further away from farms, increasing still more animal transport times;**
- eliminate the ill-treatment sometimes noted in traditional slaughterhouses, such as ritual slaughter without prior stunning;**
- eliminate the risk of spreading diseases, including COVID-19, unlike in industrial**

slaughterhouses;
– eliminate stress for animals as the farmer is there with them;

Or. fr

Amendment 192

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 l (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4l. Calls, therefore, on the Commission to:
– finance mobile slaughterhouses;
– ensure the general public is better informed, for example by supporting labels established by local stakeholders;

Or. fr

Amendment 193

Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; calls on the Commission to adopt a more output-oriented approach to future projects;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 194

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; calls on the Commission to adopt a more output-oriented approach to future projects;

Amendment

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; calls on the Commission to adopt a more output-oriented approach to future projects; ***recognises that the DG SANTE audits serve as an important source of information for the Commission to assess the implementation of the current framework; calls on the Commission to increase the number of independent, unannounced spot inspections by the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) focused on animal welfare and the transport of animals; believes that differing methods of data collection and control mechanisms make it difficult to establish an accurate picture of compliance in individual Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment 195
Michal Wiezik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; calls on the Commission to ***adopt a more output-oriented*** approach to future projects;

Amendment

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; ***recognizes, however, that a scientifically underpinned legal framework setting out minimum requirements is key;*** calls ***in this regard*** on the Commission to ***amend the animal welfare legislation and to introduce a***

result-based approach to future projects
*and peer-to-peer sharing of best practices
among farmers;*

Or. en

Amendment 196

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; calls on the Commission to adopt *a more output-oriented* approach to future projects;

Amendment

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; calls on the Commission to adopt an approach to future projects *that is more oriented to output and to feedback from consultations with professionals;*

Or. fr

Amendment 197 Hermann Tertsch

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; calls on the Commission to adopt a more output-oriented approach to future projects;

Amendment

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; calls on the Commission to adopt a more output-oriented approach to future projects *based on scientific evidence and knowledge;*

Or. es

Amendment 198

Christine Schneider, Alexander Bernhuber

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; calls on the Commission to adopt a more output-oriented approach to future projects;

Amendment

5. Points out that **targeted** individual management practices often have a greater influence on animal welfare than rules alone; calls on the Commission to adopt a more output-oriented approach to future projects;

Or. de

Amendment 199

Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Pascal Canfin, Martin Hojsík, Pascal Durand

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a **greater** influence on animal welfare **than rules alone**; calls on the Commission to adopt a more output-oriented approach to future projects;

Amendment

5. Points out that individual management practices often have a **substantial** influence on animal welfare; calls on the Commission to adopt a more output-oriented approach to future projects;

Or. en

Amendment 200

Marlene Mortler

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)**

Draft opinion

5a. *Underlines the significance of the appropriate use of digitalisation; notes, however, that digitalisation tools cannot solve fundamental problems but should be*

Amendment

a supplementary measure, given that they cannot replace qualified professionals;

Or. de

Amendment 201

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly.

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, ***civil society***, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly; ***considers that the Commission and the Member States should reinforce controls performed at borders on animal food imports from third countries to make sure these imports comply with EU legislation on animal welfare, food safety and the environment; stresses that imports from countries with lower environmental, social, food safety and animal welfare standards have increased;***

Or. en

Amendment 202

Michal Wieszik, Stanislav Polčák, Jiří Pospíšil

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly.

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible ***scientifically-sound*** improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly; ***Considers that funds from the CAP and national envelopes should also be appropriately directed to assist farmers in the transition to cage-free, high welfare, ecological sound farming methods with high quality training provided where required to ensure the welfare of the animals and the environmental and financial health of the farm.***

Or. en

Amendment 203

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Alin Mituța

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly.

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly; ***encourages the creation of a platform that would facilitate this knowledge transfer and that would help the parties involved to speed up and simplify their regular exchange process as well as store and secure their flows of information.***

Amendment 204
Tudor Ciuhodaru

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly.

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly; ***stresses the importance of holding such regular exchanges also with the representatives of third countries importing animals from Europe.***

Amendment 205
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and ***possible*** improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is ***highly*** efficient and should therefore be put into practice more ***quickly***.

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations, ***non-governmental organisations, citizens*** and experts concerning examples ***and exchange*** of good practice and ***needed*** improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is efficient and should therefore

be put into practice more *often*.

Or. en

Amendment 206
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly.

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations, **NGOs** and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly.

Or. en

Amendment 207
Sara Cerdas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly.

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of regular exchanges with representatives of national **and regional** authorities, agricultural stakeholder organisations and experts concerning examples of good practice and possible improvements in the area of animal welfare; points out that, despite its low cost, knowledge transfer in this area is highly efficient and should therefore be put into practice more quickly.

Or. pt

Amendment 208

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Recommends that EU trade agreements should only grant trade preferences for animal-based products on the condition that they respect all EU relevant animal welfare standards, including standards currently not applied to imported products (“conditional liberalisation”); recommends that trade agreements allocate sufficient resources to the implementation of provisions on animal welfare cooperation and include an article on “Sustainable Agriculture, Seafood and Aquaculture” in the “Trade and Sustainable Development” Chapters; calls further on the Commission to ensure that all trade agreements are fully compatible with the European Green Deal, the Paris Agreement, the EU’s biodiversity commitments and the SDGs, and that, in case of non-compliance, there should be binding and enforceable sanctions;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses the need for urgent and bold policy and legislative change in the face of overwhelming scientific evidence

of the unsustainability of the current food system and the higher costs of a failure to act, paying full regard to the welfare of farm animals, given that this is integral to food sustainability; recommends that it include measures to stimulate the adoption of higher animal welfare standards, a reduction of the amount of farm animals and stocking densities, and an increase of the production and consumption of plant-based products at the same time;

Or. en

Amendment 210
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Given the ethical dimension of animal welfare, considers it crucial that citizens are provided with clear, easily understandable and accessible information on the existing standards and compliance with animal welfare rules; calls on the Commission and Member states to promote awareness and engage in dialogue with citizens on issues of animal welfare;

Or. en

Amendment 211
Pernille Weiss

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Emphasises the importance of reconciling animal welfare, the environment, the climate and biodiversity; recalls that the grazing of natural areas in this connection is central to the preservation of natural assets; emphasises the importance of ensuring that animal welfare rules can go hand in hand with rules and frameworks for nature preservation.

Or. da

Amendment 212
Jan Huitema

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Notes that measures that improve animal welfare are not per se beneficial for climate and environment; stresses that animal welfare should be seen as an integral part of sustainability; calls on the Commission to ensure that animal welfare legislation is coherent with environmental legislation.

Or. en

Amendment 213
Nicolae Ștefănuță, Alin Mituța

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Underlines the need to incentivize farmers and other relevant stakeholders to slaughter animals at the nearest facility to prevent lengthy animal transport times, reduce emissions and to prioritize the

export of meat for long transport;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Mick Wallace, Clare Daly, Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to assess subsidies that are harmful to animal welfare by 2022 and phase them out without delay;

Or. en

Amendment 215

Sergio Berlato

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses the need to allow imports from third countries which comply with the same animal welfare standards as those in the EU;

Or. it

Amendment 216

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls for the deployment of any

EU action to be conditional upon prior consultation with the professionals concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 217

Manuela Ripa

on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission, in its bilateral trade negotiations with third countries, to ensure compliance with the EU's animal welfare rules and defend sustainable development, within the framework of the World Trade Organisation's General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 and in particular, Article XX which lays down exceptions for measures connected to the conservation of exhaustible natural resources, and Article XXa that includes animal welfare under 'reasons of public morality'; calls on the Commission, to promote similar measures in existing EU trade and investment agreements to ensure that imported animal, fish and aquaculture products have been produced in line with the EU environmental, social, food safety and animal welfare standards in order to ensure a fair and level playing field for EU producers;

Or. en

Amendment 218

Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. *Recalls that according to Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in formulating and implementing the Union's agriculture, fisheries, transport, internal market, research and technological development and space policies, the Union and the Member States shall, since animals are sentient beings, pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals, while respecting the legislative or administrative provisions and customs of the Member States relating in particular to religious rites, cultural traditions and regional heritage.*

Or. en

Amendment 219

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. *Stresses the need to swiftly move away from industrial animal farming by a significant reduction of the amount of animals kept in the EU, aiming at a 70% reduction in livestock numbers in the EU, with particular focus on Member States with high livestock density such as the Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark;*

Or. en

Amendment 220

Nicolae Ștefănuță, Alin Mituța

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. *Outlines the importance of smart livestock farming and the potential of digitalization for on-farm animal health and welfare monitoring; in this context, advanced digitalization technologies should help reducing physical contact with animals in order to enhance animal welfare and avoid disease outbreaks.*

Or. en

Amendment 221

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. *Recalls that the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in a judgment of 17 December 2020 (Case C-336/19) recognised the right of a Member State to require, in the context of ritual slaughter, ‘a reversible stunning procedure which cannot result in the animal’s death’;*

Or. fr

Amendment 222

Jan Huitema

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. *Points out that farmers need adequate timeframes to improve their housing systems due to the large*

investments that are often required;

Or. en

Amendment 223
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Urges the revision of Council Directive 98/58/EC concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes, which sets down generic rules that have proved difficult to implement and enforce; suggests therefore transposing this Directive into a Regulation, thereby creating the possibility of delivering delegated and implementing acts to set down welfare requirements for species for which no species-specific EU minimum standards presently exist, including dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats, turkeys, ducks, geese, rabbits, farmed fish and of all their offspring;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Urges the revision of Council Directive 98/58/EC concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes, which sets down generic rules that have proved difficult to implement and enforce; suggests therefore

transposing this Directive into a Regulation, thereby creating the possibility of delivering delegated and implementing acts to set down welfare requirements for species for which no species-specific EU minimum standards presently exist, including dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats, turkeys, ducks, geese, rabbits, farmed fish and of all their offspring;

Or. en

Amendment 225

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Calls, therefore, on Member States to bring in legislation prohibiting slaughter without prior stunning, as in addition to causing a slow and dreadful death, this causes contamination by the intestinal bacteria *Escherichia Coli* to increase;

Or. fr

Amendment 226

Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Underlines that, in addition to ensuring high animal welfare within the Union, the EU's foreign and trade policy should also promote animal welfare globally as part of its green diplomacy, in relevant international bodies, and in

bilateral and multilateral agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Jan Huitema

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. *Stresses the importance of a level-playing field for farmers; calls on the Commission to harmonize animal welfare legislation between Member States where possible.*

Or. en

Amendment 228
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6d. *Notes that broiler chickens are the most numerous terrestrial farmed animals in the EU, of which the vast majority coming from intensive farming systems, while their welfare is currently insufficiently guaranteed by the various pieces of EU legislation as they do not address the main problems that are intrinsic to this industry, such as the welfare problems of ever fast-growing broiler chickens;*

Or. en

Amendment 229

Jytte Guteland

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 d (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6d. Points out that according to the Farm to Fork strategy, moving to a more plant-based diet with less red and processed meat and with more fruits and vegetables will reduce not only risks of life-threatening diseases, but also the environmental impact of the food system; considers that this could also help to improve animal welfare;

Or. en

Amendment 230

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 d (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6d. Calls also on the Commission to permit Member States to prohibit the import of products from animals slaughtered in another Member State or in a third country without prior stunning;

Or. fr

Amendment 231

Anja Hazekamp

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 e (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

6e. Urges the revision of Council Directive 2007/43 laying down minimum

rules for the protection of chickens kept for meat production in order to reduce the maximum stocking density and reduce the sector's dependency on antibiotics, drastically improve the poor welfare of chickens by providing them with natural light, fresh air, more space and enrichments and establishing a ban on the rearing of extremely fast-growing chickens; reiterates its call to accelerate a shift to alternative rearing systems that use higher welfare or traditional broiler breeds, which are more robust and healthy than fast-growing breeds, and to not allow any import products that do not meet EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 232

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6e. Points out that the Commission and Parliament consult the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) on a regular basis in order for the Authority to present scientific reports linked to animal welfare;

Or. fr

Amendment 233

Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6e. Underlines that most stakeholders agree that the animal welfare legislation was outdated and in need of revision;

Or. en

Amendment 234

Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6f. Notes, however, that many of the recommendations made by this Authority have not produced any action; notes thus that in the past 15 years various reports have concluded that the conditions in which rabbits, dairy cows, fish, cattle and sheep are farmed need to be regulated, without these recommendations giving rise to decision-making by the EU institutions.

Or. fr

Amendment 235

Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6f. Points out that, according to studies, the General Directive and the Broilers Directive seems to have achieved only small impacts, and the Pigs Directive has also failed to achieve some of its objectives, as mutilations and cramped and stressful housing conditions without enrichment remain the norm for pigs in many Member States;

Amendment 236
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6f. Stresses that rabbits are the second most farmed species in the EU in terms of numbers of animals, with a majority of them reared in cages with inadequate welfare standards; calls in this regard on the Commission to propose specific EU legislation on minimum standards for the protection of farmed rabbits;

Or. en

Amendment 237
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6g. Expresses concern about the fact that, with the exception of the Laying Hens and Calves directives, a combination of derogations, exceptions, vague requirements or the absence of specific protections in EU legislation have existed in parallel to various national legislations, all of which have been blamed by many stakeholders from different categories for distorting competition;

Or. en

Amendment 238
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6g. Urges the revision of Council Directive 1999/74/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens in order to rapidly phase-out and prohibit enriched battery cages and cage-free systems for all laying hens, to create a level-playing field and at the same time improve the welfare of animals kept in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 239
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6g. Calls on the Commission to take account of past and future reports on the welfare of farmed animals by the European Food Safety Authority;

Or. fr

Amendment 240
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6h. Highlights that the General Directive has generally been the least

impactful of the directives in scope, with the vague nature of the requirements and the large margins of interpretation it has allowed, links between improvements on the ground and the directive have been impossible to characterise; points out that the absence of species-specific protections for a number of species was seen by most stakeholders as a key problem for dairy cows, broiler and hen breeders, rabbits, sheep and turkeys;

Or. en

Amendment 241
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6h. *Disapproves the unethical and systematic killing of billions of male chicks in the EU every year, whether by using a shredding machine or carbon dioxide gas, as it is a violation of animal welfare law; emphasizes that France and Germany already announced a ban on the systematic killing of male chicks and urges the Commission and the Member States to follow this example;*

Or. en

Amendment 242
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6h. *Welcomes initiatives opposing maceration of chicks; emphasises that*

approximately 300 million male chicks are killed every year in the European Union, at least 45 million of them in France;

Or. fr

Amendment 243
Anja Hazekamp, Manuela Ripa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6i. Calls for Council Directive 2008/120/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs to be revised to inter alia remove the 28-day exemption for confining sows in individual stalls and to ensure that the animals are kept in group housing throughout the entire gestation period and farrowing;

Or. en

Amendment 244
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6i. Considers that it is crucial that future policy coherence is ensured, with animal welfare requirements integrated into international trade policy, aquaculture policy, and the common agricultural policy (CAP);

Or. en

Amendment 245
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 j (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6j. Highlights that legislation does not specify a number of requirements, such as how they should be complied with or monitored, and therefore leaves much discretion to Member States to specify numerous requirements and how they would assess them, which leaves room for different approaches and sometimes for subjectivity; stresses that this leads to inconsistent monitoring and enforcement across the EU; expresses concern on the level of official controls; highlights that according to the implementation study, sometimes and particularly for species which are not subject to specific regulations, there are no or very few official controls; considers that this should be addressed in the revision of animal welfare legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 246
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 j (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6j. Underlines that in the context of food safety, environment, climate action, animal welfare and equality between Member States, the Commission should ensure full enforcement of Directives, and urges the Commission that, in the event of violations by the Member States, it imposes strong sanctions, starting with the routine docking of piglet tails, which

has been prohibited in the EU since 1991;

Or. en

Amendment 247
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 k (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6k. Stresses that, although a large proportion of sheep and goats are reared in extensive farming conditions, such as on pastureland, significant concerns exist regarding animal welfare in intensive goat and sheep farming; underlines the alarming situation of male goat-kids that are treated as a waste product, as well as face problems such as mutilations, lameness, transport problems and illnesses caused by communicable diseases, and calls on the Commission to address these concerns in the upcoming revision of animal welfare legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 248
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 k (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6k. Points out the need to ensure that there is sufficient data available on the implementation of the legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 249
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 l (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6l. Is deeply concerned by the stable fires occurring in the EU that lead to the horrid death of animals and the release of toxic fumes; calls on the Commission and the Member States to tackle the problem of stable fires by promoting best practices and by introducing fire safety requirements, including preventive measures and mandatory sprinkler installations, measures which guarantee that animals can escape from their stables in the event of fire and a ban on air washing installations, as livestock barns do not only tend to be very prone to fire due to dust, straw and manure gases, but air washing installations, and their ventilation systems, are also flammable and rapidly spread the fire due to fanning;

Or. en

Amendment 250
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 m (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6m. Is of the opinion that animals should no longer be slaughtered in the EU according to methods that cause additional distress, such as the electrical water bath method stunning of poultry and CO2 stunning of pigs, and urges the Member States to ensure that all animals slaughtered in the EU are stunned prior to slaughter, without any exceptions, as

confirmed by the European Court of Justice ruling in case C-336/19 of 17 December 2020 that Member States have the right to introduce mandatory pre-slaughter stunning;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 n (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6n. *Reiterates its call on the Commission to revise Council Directive 98/58/EC concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes with the objective of ending the use of cages in EU animal farming by 2027; suggests therefore that the Commission continues cooperating with the Member States in order to support the implementation and proper enforcement of legal provisions for the phase-out of all cages in EU animal farming;*

Or. en

Amendment 252
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 o (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6o. *Reminds that intensive livestock farming is a major contributor to air pollution from ammonia, NOx, particulates and methane emissions and calls for urgent action to reduce these*

emissions and protect public health;

Or. en

Amendment 253

Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 p (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6p. *Emphasises the need to ensure that animal welfare does not suffer under new measures for the agricultural sector; stresses that no measures, targets, or incentives should lead to a restriction of livestock animals to indoor confinements; emphasises that animals must be able to graze and roam outdoors and should not be prevented from exhibiting their natural behaviour;*

Or. en

Amendment 254

Anja Hazekamp, Manuela Ripa

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 q (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6q. *Notes that large livestock farms with more than 50 livestock units account for about 70% of agricultural methane emissions, and 40% of total anthropogenic methane emissions in the EU; underlines that this makes mega livestock farms one of the biggest sources of methane emissions in the EU; emphasises that in addition to their methane emissions, mega livestock farms are extremely harmful for animal welfare, public health and the environment;*

stresses that this demonstrates an urgent need to swiftly phase out intensive animal agriculture in the EU, including a ban on the development of new mega livestock farms; calls on the Commission to put forward concrete and binding measures targeting the industrial livestock sector;

Or. en

Amendment 255
Anja Hazekamp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 r (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6r. Considers that sectors that have a major impact on environmental, climate and animal welfare issues should not be promoted by the EU and therefore calls on the Commission to cease funding promotion campaigns to support animal products;

Or. en

Amendment 256
Aurélia Beigneux, Catherine Griset, Annika Bruna, Laura Huhtasaari, Sylvia Limmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 s (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6s. Recalls that 80 % of horsemeat sold in France, a figure of 9 000 tonnes in 2019, is imported and that with no proper labelling to inform consumers, they mainly eat horsemeat imported from South America; points out that some farms have been designated 'fields of horror' because of the ill-treatment that pervades there; stresses that without

checks, these abuses ultimately arrive on European soil through EU distribution chains;

Or. fr

Amendment 257
Jytte Guteland

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 t (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6t. Stresses that consumers' interest in animal welfare practices on the farm, at slaughter and during transport has been growing in the EU over the last two decades; notes that according to a Eurobarometer survey carried out in 2016, 52% of Europeans look for animal welfare labels when shopping, although one in ten Europeans does not know that these labels exist; highlights that 47% of Europeans think that choice of animal welfare-friendly food products in retail is limited;

Or. en

Amendment 258
Anja Hazekamp, Manuela Ripa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 u (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6u. Stresses that the Covid-19 pandemic has shown that industrial farming practices, by keeping animals in close proximity to each other, pose a huge risk for the emergence of new pandemics;

Or. en

