


# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	<a href="#">1996/0029(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Protection of animals: calves (amend. Direct. 91/269/EEC)		
Subject 3.10.04.02 Animal protection		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		06/02/1996
		UPE <a href="#">ROSADO FERNANDES Raúl Miguel</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		20/03/1996
		ELDR <a href="#">OLSSON Karl Erik</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">1985</a>	20/01/1997
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">1980</a>	17/12/1996

Key events			
24/01/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0021	Summary
29/02/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/09/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
02/09/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0261/1996</a>	
20/09/1996	Debate in Parliament		
20/09/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0497/1996	Summary
22/11/1996	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0599	Summary
20/01/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/01/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/01/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0029(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/07658

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1996)0021</a> <a href="#">OJ C 085 22.03.1996, p. 0019</a>	24/01/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0261/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 320 28.10.1996, p. 0003</a>	02/09/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0497/1996 <a href="#">OJ C 320 28.10.1996, p. 0238-0257</a>	20/09/1996	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1996)0599</a> <a href="#">OJ C 095 24.03.1997, p. 0001</a>	22/11/1996	EC	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Directive 1997/2</a> <a href="#">OJ L 025 28.01.1997, p. 0024</a> Summary

## Protection of animals: calves (amend. Direct. 91/269/EEC)

OBJECTIVE: to amend Directive 91/269/EEC laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves so as to enable the calf COM to operate efficiently. SUBSTANCE: it is proposed in the draft Directive that the Council amend Directive 91/269/EEC in order to bring it into line with the recommendations of the Scientific Veterinary Committee regarding housing and prescribed space and allow sufficient time for farmers to adapt to the new situation. The new provisions should accordingly apply: - with effect from 1 January 1998 to all newly built or rebuilt holdings and all those brought into use after that date; and - with effect from 1 January 2008 to all holdings. ?

## Protection of animals: calves (amend. Direct. 91/269/EEC)

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development approved, with eight amendments the report by Mr Rosado Fernandes. The Commission proposal concerns minimum standards for space per calf and prohibits the use of individual pens after the age of 8 weeks. The Committee on Agriculture is calling for this to apply to every calf in a group of more than ten calves. It also recommends that 'even after the complete adaptation of the pen for the obligatory group housing, on an exceptional basis, and with certification from a veterinarian, a number of animals may be housed individually on the grounds of animal health or welfare'. The Commission is proposing that the provisions of the directive should apply to all farms from 2008. The Committee however, is specifying that 'holdings which have made the necessary adaptations for group housing before 1 July 1996 and of which the available floor space amounts to at least 1.5m<sup>2</sup> per animal must comply with the surface standards referred to... by January 2013 at the latest.' The Committee also specified that each pen be provided with appropriate bedding and with perforated, not solid walls. ?

## Protection of animals: calves (amend. Direct. 91/269/EEC)

Parliament adopted the report by Mr Raul ROSADO FERNANDES (UPE, P) on minimum standards for the protection of calves. In its

amendments Parliament asked that no calf, in herds of more than ten calves, should be housed in an individual pen after the age of six weeks. It also asked, even after the complete adaptation of the pen for the obligatory group housing, on an exceptional basis and with certification from a veterinarian, for a number of animals to be housed individually on the grounds of health or welfare. The EP called for new provisions to apply to all holdings from 2005 (instead of 2008). ?

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The Commission proposal concerning the protection of calves was modified following the opinion delivered by Parliament. The Commission introduced the following amendments: - a reference to Declaration No 24 annexed to the final act of the Treaty on European Union which calls upon the European Institutions and on the Member States, when drafting and implementing Community legislation, to pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals; - the addition of a new provision stipulating that any individual pens for calves (except those for the isolation of sick animals) should not have solid walls, but should have perforated sides which allow direct visual and tactile contact between the calves. ?

## Protection of animals: calves (amend. Direct. 91/269/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: to enable the organization of the common market in calves to function effectively. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 97/2/EC amending Directive 91/629/EEC laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves. SUBSTANCE: the amendment provides, in respect of the housing of calves, that no calf shall be confined in an individual pen after the age of eight weeks and lays down minimum space allowances for individual pens and for rearing in groups (in this case, provision is made for increasing space allowances for calves according to their weight). Individual pens for calves (except those for isolating sick animals) should not have solid walls, but perforated walls which allow the calves to have direct visual and tactile contact. A timetable for implementation provides for the provisions to apply from 1 January 1998 to newly built or rebuilt holdings and a period of nine years to enable existing holdings to comply with the new rules. Exceptions are provided for small holdings (fewer than six calves) and calves kept with their mothers for suckling. DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 17 February 1997 DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION: 31 December 1997.?