

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	<a href="#">2001/0021(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Protection of animals: welfare of intensively kept pigs and sows (amend. Directive 91/630/EEC)		
Subject 3.10.04.02 Animal protection		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		27/02/2001
		ELDR <a href="#">BUSK Niels</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		12/03/2001
		PPE-DE <a href="#">STURDY Robert</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2377</a>	23/10/2001
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2360</a>	19/06/2001
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2328</a>	29/01/2001
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Health and Food Safety</a>	Commissioner	

Key events			
16/01/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0020	Summary
29/01/2001	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2328</a>	
12/02/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/06/2001	Vote in committee		
11/06/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0210/2001</a>	
13/06/2001	Debate in Parliament		
14/06/2001	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0338/2001</a>	Summary
23/10/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

23/10/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/12/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2001/0021(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 163; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/14369

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2001)0020</a> <a href="#">OJ C 154 29.05.2001, p. 0114 E</a>	16/01/2001	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES0710/2001</a> <a href="#">OJ C 221 07.08.2001, p. 0074</a>	31/05/2001	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0210/2001</a>	11/06/2001	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0338/2001</a> OJ C 053 28.02.2002, p. 0240-0327 E	14/06/2001	EP	Summary

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

Final act
<a href="#">Directive 2001/88</a> <a href="#">OJ L 316 01.12.2001, p. 0001</a> Summary

## Protection of animals: welfare of intensively kept pigs and sows (amend. Directive 91/630/EEC)

**PURPOSE** : to lay down the minimum standards for the protection of pigs. **CONTENT** : the aim of the Commission proposal is to amend current legislation (Directive 91/630/EEC) in order to bring it into line with new scientific evidences and the experience acquired in this field by Member States. The proposal aims to : - ban the use of individual stalls for pregnant sows and gilts and the use of tethers; - increase the living space available for sows and gilts; - allow the sows and gilts to have permanent access to materials for rooting; - introduce a higher level of training and competence on welfare issues for the stockmen and the personnel in charge of the animals; - request new scientific advice in relation to certain issues of pig farming. The present proposals will put in place an EU-wide framework of acceptable welfare standard for pigs. To allow the industry time to adjust to these higher standards, provision is made for the phased introduction of the measures. Labelling requirements to highlight this and to provide consumer information can be considered in due course when the measures are fully in place.?

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Niels BUSK (ELDR, DK). The report calls for new, improved welfare standards for intensively reared pigs with a number of non-binding amendments seeking to strengthen the draft legislation. Parliament endorses the Commission's proposal to ban the use of individual stalls for pregnant sows, outlaw tethering and increase the space in which pigs are reared and tightens up the provisions designed to improve training for those handling pigs. It is also calling for a ban on practices such as tail docking and castration and wants additional rules on the outdoor keeping of pigs and the regulation of body temperature. Mr Busk's report points out that devices such as overhead sprays, as well as access to mud baths and protection against sunburn, are needed because pigs cannot sweat and are caused considerable stress when they overheat. Parliament's amendments seek to increase the size of the flooring areas proposed by

the Commission and call for the minimum welfare standards agreed to be applied from 1 January 2012, delivery of a Commission report on pig welfare to be brought forward from 2008 to 2004 and a ban on imports of pig-meat from non-EU countries that fail to match the standard laid down in the legislation. Lastly, it also wants production in third countries to be raised at the WTO.?

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**PURPOSE** : to lay down minimum standards for the protection of pigs. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Directive 2001/88/EC amending directive 91/630/EEC laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs. **CONTENT** : The Council adopted this Directive, the main aims of which are: - the ban on the use of individual stalls for pregnant sows and gilts and the use of tethers - the increase in the living space available for sows and pigs - the introduction of a higher level of training and competence on welfare issues for stockmen and personnel in charge of animals. - the Commission must draw up two separate reports. The first, to be submitted before 1 July 2005, will take into account socio-economic consequences, environmental effects and different climatic conditions. The other, to be submitted before 1 January 2008, will cover such matters as the effects of stock density and the impact of stall design. Parliament's concerns on production in third countries are not part of the Directive. **DATE OF TRANSPOSITION** : 01/01/03. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 01/12/2001.?