# Revision of animal welfare rules

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European Commission (2020) A Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system

## What is changing and why?

The European Commission plans to revise the EU animal welfare rules. Four main areas of animal welfare are likely to be affected: at farm level; during transport; at slaughter; and labelling. However, there is uncertainty about the timetable and the likely extent of the changes.

## Timeline

The Commission intended to publish proposals revising EU animal welfare rules by the third quarter of 2023, but this timing may change. Discussions of these proposals by the European Parliament and Council of the EU are expected to take about 3 years. The proposals are expected to include long transition periods that will allow operators to adapt to new rules.

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