

PHASING OUT FAST-GROWING BROILERS IN DENMARK AND THE EU

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Current legislation

EU COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998 concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes, ANNEX 21.

“No animal shall be kept for farming purposes unless it can reasonably be expected, on the basis of its genotype or phenotype, that it can be kept without detrimental effect on its health or welfare.”

Broilers in production



EU must act ...

Animal welfare vs. climate crisis

Legislation on breed in EU is crucial

- must be improved and more precise –including a limit on growth rate

Broiler production can be done differently 😊

- Danish agreement on broilers
- European Chicken Commitment
- (only legislation covers all animals)

Danish agreement to reduce fast-growing broilers

“The production of fast-growing broilers is associated with animal welfare challenges, e.g. that broiler breeders can be fed restrictively”

Danish agreement to reduce fast-growing broilers - highlights

- Phase out governmental procurement of fast growing broilers
 - Beef ⇨ Poultry
- Work for phasing out fast-growing broilers at EU level
 - First step towards legislation in EU



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The Danish government and key Danish political parties have agreed to phase out the state procurement of fast-growing chickens, and vowed to back a ban on the farming of fast-growing broilers at EU level.

ECC – European Chicken Commitment

- EU laws are not enough to ensure welfare
- Higher welfare breeds + more

Broiler welfare can be improved -
legislation must ensure that this
happens for all the broilers



Please remember ...

I am a sentient being
not made for high growth rates