

MIRROR MEASURES ON EU ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS

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Producers in the European Union (EU) must comply with legal standards that are often stricter than the rules imposed on non-EU producers regarding the treatment of animals on farms and during transport. As a result of this double standard, the production costs for EU farmers are higher than for their non-EU counterparts.

Imports to the EU are not subject to equivalent production standards, which creates **significant distortions in competition between EU and non-EU producers**. According to the **principle of reciprocity of standards** ("mirror measures"), the EU already requires non-EU producers to comply with EU production standards for animals:

- **Equivalent animal welfare requirements during slaughter** (as per the Slaughter Regulation)
- **Equivalent animal welfare requirements for imported pigs and calves** (as per the Pigs and Calves Directives)

I, the undersigned

.....,
Member of the European Parliament, hereby commit to actively supporting, throughout my mandate, the implementation of mirror measures in EU legislation pertaining to animal agriculture, requiring that imported animal-source food products comply with EU production standards, including animal welfare standards.

Expanding the reciprocity principle to animal welfare standards on farms and during transport is therefore **consistent with existing EU law**, rather than representing a change in political doctrine.

Mirror measures can serve as a lever for **protecting animals, ensuring food sovereignty, strengthening the credibility of EU standards, and promoting the proper use of public funds**.

Mirror measures can be integrated into any relevant directive or regulation, including the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) regulations or the modernization of EU farm animal welfare law, as announced by the European Commission.

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