

Consultation on animal cloning for food production

<u>A.-General information about respondents</u>	
1. Family name -open reply-(compulsory)	Riley
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Organisation -open reply-(optional)	GM Freeze
Address (optional) -open reply-(optional)	
2. Please choose from the following categories the most relevant to the organisation you may represent: -single choice reply-(compulsory)	NGOs
3. Please indicate your country of origin -single choice reply-(compulsory)	United Kingdom
4. How would you prefer your contribution to be published on the Commission website? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Under the name indicated (I consent to publication of all information in my contribution and I declare that none of it is under copyright restrictions that prevent publication)
5. How well informed are you about the developments on animal cloning for food production? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Very well informed
<u>E. Current situation</u>	
6. Do you consider appropriate the current situation in which the use of the cloning technique is allowed and a pre-market approval for food from clones is required in the EU? -single choice reply-(optional)	NO
Please justify your position: -open reply-(optional)	
GM Freeze believes that cloning and the import of products from clones or their descendents should not be allowed for ethical and safety reasons.	
<u>F.- Ban of cloning technique and pre-market approval of food on the EU market</u>	
Cloning technique -single choice reply-(compulsory)	In favour of a ban
Live cloned animals -single choice reply-(compulsory)	In favour of a ban
Clone reproductive materials -single choice reply-(compulsory)	In favour of a ban
Offspring of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	In favour of a ban

Descendants of clones -single choice reply- (compulsory)	In favour of a ban
Animal health and welfare -single choice reply- (optional)	2
Ethical reasons -single choice reply-(optional)	1: the most important reason
Food safety concerns -single choice reply-(optional)	3
Reduction of biodiversity and genetic variety -single choice reply-(optional)	4
Restriction of access to genetic heritage for example via patents -single choice reply-(optional)	5: the least important.
Others, please specify -single choice reply-(optional)	
If others, please specify -open reply-(optional)	
Higher costs of production in the EU -single choice reply-(optional)	
No food safety concerns -single choice reply-(optional)	
Increase of Administrative burden -single choice reply-(optional)	
May reduce food supply -single choice reply-(optional)	
Loss of innovation -single choice reply-(optional)	
International trade barrier -single choice reply- (optional)	
Others, please specify: -single choice reply-(optional)	
If others, please specify: -open reply-(optional)	
Clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Against to allow the placing of the food from:
Offspring of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Against to allow the placing of the food from:
Descendants of clones -single choice reply- (compulsory)	Against to allow the placing of the food from:
Clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Pre-market approval of food necessary
Offspring of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Pre-market approval of food necessary
Descendants of clones -single choice reply- (compulsory)	Pre-market approval of food necessary

Please justify your position on food derived from clones -open reply-(optional)

GM Freeze opposes the cloning of animals. We make no distinction between products from clones themselves, offspring of clones or descendants of clones as failure to regulate and label any part of the supply chain could mean consumers opposed to cloning are forced to consume products derived from clones without knowing. This is an important ethical issue on which many people will take a strong view and not wish to support any part of the cloning industry.

Please justify your position on food derived from offspring of clones -open reply-(optional)

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Please justify your position on food derived from descendants of clones -open reply-(optional)

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Animal health and welfare -single choice reply-(optional)

2

Ethical reasons -single choice reply-(optional)

1: the most important

Food safety concerns -single choice reply-(optional)

3

Biodiversity and genetic variety -single choice reply-(optional)

4

Others please specify: -single choice reply-(optional)

5: the least important

If others, please specify -open reply-(optional)

To enable consumer choice. We rank all these reasons equally so this format is not helpful. If any products derived from cloning procedures are approved then they should be fully traceable.

Increased administrative burden (application files, dossiers for assessment) -single choice reply-(optional)

No food safety concerns -single choice reply-(optional)

Higher cost of production -single choice reply-(optional)

Delay in the marketing of the food product -single choice reply-(optional)

Loss of innovation -single choice reply-(optional)

Use of cloning technique should be banned -single choice reply-(optional)

Others please specify: -single choice reply-(optional)

If others, please specify: -open reply-(optional)

G.- Identification and registration of live clones, their reproductive materials and live offspring of clones

Clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	In favour of the identification and registration of
Offspring of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	In favour of the identification and registration of
Descendants of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	In favour of the identification and registration of
Clone reproductive materials -single choice reply-(compulsory)	In favour of the identification and registration of
Clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Compulsory system
Offspring of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Compulsory system
Descendants of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Compulsory system
Clone reproductive materials -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Compulsory system
Clones -multiple choices reply-(optional)	Monitoring of animal health and welfare - So farmers know that animals are cloned - Allow food labelling - Allow targeted recalls/ withdrawal of food from the above categories
Offspring of clones -multiple choices reply-(optional)	Monitoring of animal health and welfare - So farmers know that animals are cloned - Allow food labelling - Allow targeted recalls/ withdrawal of food from the above categories
Descendants of clones -multiple choices reply-(optional)	Monitoring of animal health and welfare - So farmers know that animals are cloned - Allow food labelling - Allow targeted recalls/ withdrawal of food from the above categories
Clone reproductive materials -multiple choices reply-(optional)	Monitoring of animal health and welfare - So farmers know that animals are cloned - Allow food labelling - Allow targeted recalls/ withdrawal of food from the above categories
If others, please specify -open reply-(optional)	
Clones -multiple choices reply-(optional)	
Offspring of clones -multiple choices reply-(optional)	
Descendants of clones -multiple choices reply-(optional)	
Clone reproductive materials -multiple choices reply-(optional)	
If others, please specify -open reply-(optional)	
18. In case identification and registration system	Cattle - Pigs - Horses - Goats - Sheep

for (1) live clones, (2) offspring of clones, (3) descendants of clones or (4) reproductive materials would be set up, which species should it be applied to? -multiple choices reply-(optional)

H.- Traceability

Food from Clones -single choice reply-(compulsory) In favour of traceability systems

Food from Offspring of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory) In favour of traceability systems

Food from Descendants of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory) In favour of traceability systems

20. Do you think that such traceability systems can be established? YES
-single choice reply-(compulsory)

21. Do you think that these traceability systems may lead to unacceptable costs? NO
-single choice reply-(compulsory)

Consumers -single choice reply-(compulsory) 5: the least important

Food industry -single choice reply-(compulsory) 2

Tax payers -single choice reply-(compulsory) 4

Farmers -single choice reply-(compulsory) 3

Others please specify -single choice reply-(optional) 1: the most important

If others, please specify -open reply-(optional)

The costs of traceability should fall on companies producing cloned animals and other companies that choose to use them. However, it is more likely to fall on consumers and tax payers.

23. In case **traceability systems** for food would be set up for cloning purposes, for which species should it apply? -multiple choices reply-(compulsory) Cattle - Pigs - Horses - Sheep

I.- Consumers' information

Clones -single choice reply-(compulsory) Mandatory labelling

Offspring of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory) Mandatory labelling

Descendants of clones -single choice reply-(compulsory) Mandatory labelling

If other, please specify:
-open reply-(optional)

Meat -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes
Processed meat products (sausages, pâtés etc.) -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes
Milk -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes
Processed milk products (cheese, milk powder etc.) -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes
Others (gelatine, casein...) -single choice reply-(compulsory)	Yes
Please justify your answer for: Meat -open reply-(optional)	
Consumers opposed to cloning would wish to avoid any product produced from cloned animals, their offspring and descendants.	
Please justify your answer for: Processed meat products -open reply-(optional)	
Consumers opposed to cloning would wish to avoid any product produced from cloned animals, their offspring and descendants.	
Please justify your answer for: Milk -open reply-(optional)	
Consumers opposed to cloning would wish to avoid any product produced from cloned animals, their offspring and descendants.	
Please justify your answer for: Processed milk products -open reply-(optional)	
Consumers opposed to cloning would wish to avoid any product produced from cloned animals, their offspring and descendants.	
Please justify your answer for: Others -open reply-(optional)	
Consumers opposed to cloning would wish to avoid any product produced from cloned animals, their offspring and descendants.	
26. Do you think that such labelling systems can be established? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	YES
27. Do you think that these labelling systems may cause unacceptable costs? -single choice reply-(compulsory)	NO
Consumers -single choice reply-(compulsory)	1: the most important
Food industry -single choice reply-(compulsory)	4
Tax payers -single choice reply-(compulsory)	2
Farmers -single choice reply-(compulsory)	3
Others please specify -single choice reply-(optional)	5: the least important
If others, please specify -open reply-(optional)	
Companies cloning animals will seek to avoid any costs if at all possible. Food industry and retailers can pass on costs either to consumers or farmers. Companies should bear the main costs.	

J.- Policy options

29. According to you which option would be the most appropriate? -single choice reply-(**compulsory**)

None

Please explain why.

-open reply-(**compulsory**)

GM Freeze support an outright ban on cloning for any purpose for ethical, animal welfare and food safety reasons. Why has not this been offered as a choice?

30. Are there any issues that you wish to raise or comment?

-open reply-(**optional**)

Parties opposed to cloning will have found it difficult to complete this questionnaire because so many of the questions assumes that it will go ahead. Thus all our responses should be read with the caveat that we would prefer cloning to be banned outright. Labelling, traceability and costs only become issues if cloning in any form is accepted.it would have been fairer to provide an option to say no to cloning. If it mistakenly goes ahead then of course full traceability and labelling of products from clones, their offspring and descendants should be mandatory. Companies cloning animals and selling them should bear the costs in line with the polluter pays principle. The Commission should listen carefully and follow the feelings of the EU citizens on this issue. Cloning represent another move along the road of turning animals into mere commodities which needs to end for the sake of animals and humanity.