"Animal welfare: a barrier to trade?"

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Animal Welfare in the EU...

1974
Animals are goods

1997
Animals are sentient beings

2009
Pay full regard to animal welfare in policies on Agriculture, Fisheries, Transport, Internal market, research and technology
Enlargement of the EU
Welfare during transport
Welfare of laying hens

1999
New farms
Transitional period for existing farms
2012 deadline
Welfare of sows

2003 New farms Transitional period for existing farms 2013 deadline
Regulation (EC) No 1523/2007 banning the placing on the market and the import of cat and dog fur.
To reduce the barriers in future

• reinforcing on-going EU activities
• inform the public
• international cooperation
Thanks for your attention