



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Bundesrat for its Opinion on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the cloning of animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species kept and reproduced for farming purposes {COM(2013) 892 final}.

The Commission is pleased that the Bundesrat welcomes the proposal.

Regarding the common statement of the Austrian Federal States attached to the Opinion of the Bundesrat the Commission would like to clarify that the proposal would allow further use of reproductive material obtained from clones and that the proposal does not address the offspring and descendants of clones.

The Commission shares the view of the Austrian Bundesrat that appropriate action is better taken at EU level.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the concerns and issues raised by the Bundesrat and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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