



# Future EU strategy for animal welfare 2011-2015

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# General objectives

- A level of protection in line with citizens concerns
- Consistency between EU policies within the EU
  - Raise awareness internationally
  - Minimise distortion of competition



# Problem areas identified in the strategy

- Insufficient enforcement of EU rules
- Animal welfare affect production costs
- International competitiveness
- Gap between consumers intentions and behaviour
- Not enough research
- Not all animals are protected by EU rules

# A general animal welfare law

## ■ Scope

- Limited to specific pieces of EU legislation
- Extended to more animals

## ■ General principles

- Five freedoms
- 3 Rs
- Duty of care
- Risk based monitoring procedures based on animal based indicators

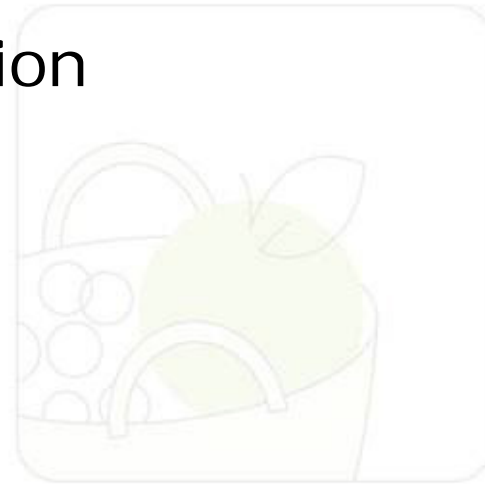
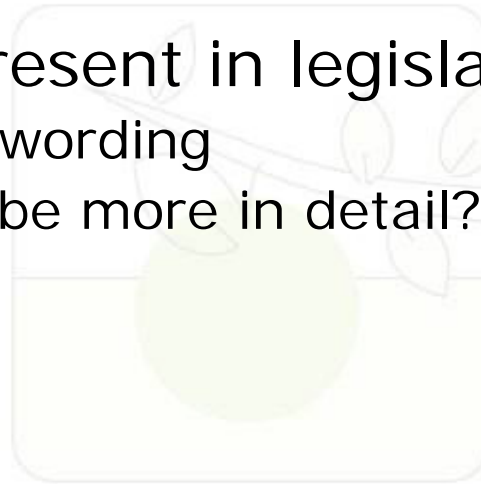
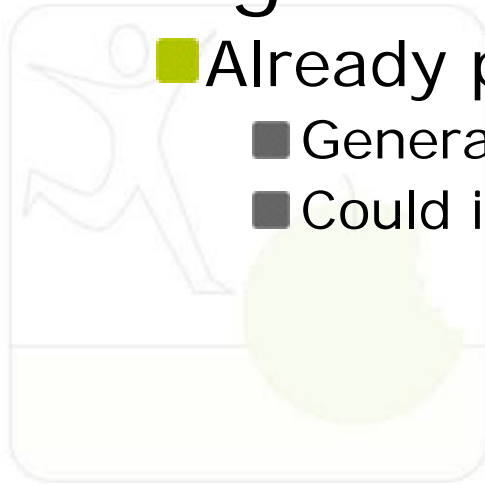


# Risk based approach?

## ■ In legislation

### ■ Already present in legislation

- General wording
- Could it be more in detail?



# Risk based approach?



- In practice

- Checks are carried out by Member State

- Audits by FVO

- In planning program for audits.

# Thank you for your attention

