

## **EU Policies on Aquatic Animal Welfare**

- Upcoming Legislation**
- Rules for Imports**
- Leveraging Resources**



# Legislative Objectives for Aquatics

## Slaughter

- Stunning parameters top 5 fish species
- Handling

## Transport

- General requirements
- Future powers

## Farming

- General requirements
- Future powers

## Labelling

- Consumer information

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# Science for Good Legislation

## European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

- Detailed risk assessments
- 7 major finfish species
- 1 on invertebrates
- 2024 - 2030

## EU Reference Centre for Aquatic Animal Welfare

- Consortium of research institutes
- Develop indicators, support governments, make science practical for producers



# Legislative Timeline

- 2020 - Farm to Fork Strategy
- 2021 - Fitness Check
- 2022 - Impact Assessment
- 2023 - Draft Legislation - Transport
- 2024 - June Elections, +?, EURCAW, EFSA,
- 2026-2030 - Further Detailed Legislation



# Rules for Imports

## Existing/outgoing legislation

- Slaughter of terrestrial animals
- Transport journey to/from EU (juveniles, aquarium fish)

## New legislation

- More on slaughter and farming
- Labelling - baseline EU standards



# Leveraging Resources

## EU

- EURCAW
  - Frameworks & Guidelines
  - Develop & Provide Training
- FTA

*The Parties agree to cooperate on animal welfare as necessary, including technical assistance and capacity building for the development of animal welfare standards.*

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- Strategy from 2026





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