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**Flash Eurobarometer 238  
(Europeans' Attitudes Towards Animal Cloning)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
Ireland**

## FLASH EUROBAROMETER ON CONSUMER ATTITUDES TOWARDS ANIMAL CLONING

### **GENERAL BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE / AWARENESS ABOUT ANIMAL CLONING**

Q1. Are you aware of the term “animal cloning”?

- I've heard of it and I know what it means..... 1
- I've heard of it but I do not know what it means..... 2
- I have never heard of it..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

Q2. Please tell me if the following statements are true or false:

- True..... 1
- False..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

- a) Cloned animals are an identical replica or copy of the animal used as a source for such cloning ..... 1 2 9
- b) Animal cloning involves genetic modification..... 1 2 9

Q3. Do you tend to agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Agree..... 1
- Disagree..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

- a) Animal cloning is morally wrong ..... 1 2 9
- b) Animal cloning might lead to human cloning ..... 1 2 9
- c) Animal cloning will cause animals unnecessary pain, suffering and distress..... 1 2 9
- d) The long term effects of animal cloning on nature are unknown ..... 1 2 9
- e) Genetic diversity within livestock populations may decrease because of animal cloning..... 1 2 9

Q4. Animal cloning can serve different purposes. Please tell me if animal cloning is always justifiable, without any constraints, or justifiable under certain circumstances or never justifiable ...

[READ OUT AND ROTATE A-C]

- Always justifiable, without any constraints..... 1
- Justifiable under certain circumstances..... 2
- Never justifiable..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

- A) ... to improve the robustness of animals against diseases ..... 1 2 3 9
- B) ... to preserve rare animal breeds ..... 1 2 3 9
- C ... for food production purposes..... 1 2 3 9

INTERVIEWER READ OUT:

CLONING MAY BE USED IN THE FUTURE TO IMPROVE SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF FARMED ANIMALS FOR FOOD PRODUCTION.

DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF CLONING, THIS TECHNIQUE WILL BE MAINLY USED TO PRODUCE CLONED ANIMALS, WHICH REPRODUCE WITH NON-CLONED ANIMALS.

THEIR OFFSPRING WILL BE USED TO PRODUCE MEAT OR MILK.

I WILL NOW ASK FOR YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT THE USE OF CLONING ANIMALS FOR FOOD PRODUCTION.

**CLONING OF ANIMALS FOR FOOD PRODUCTION PURPOSES**

Q5. People have various opinions on the issue of cloning animals for producing food. I will read you some statements and please let me know if you agree or disagree with them

- Agree ..... 1
- Disagree ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

- a) For the European food industry to be competitive, animal cloning for food production must be applied. .... 1 2 9
- b) We do not yet have enough experience about the long-term health and safety effects of using cloned animals for food ..... 1 2 9
- c) Using cloning for food production is not acceptable, as it would treat animals as commodities rather than as creatures with feelings ..... 1 2 9
- d) Using cloning for food production would be much more efficient in the long run and lower the cost of food products for consumers..... 1 2 9
- e) Cloning animals for human consumption is not just a technical issue, as it could be seen as unacceptable on ethical grounds ..... 1 2 9

Q6. What benefits would justify, for you as a consumer, the breeding of cloned animals for food production: What is the most important benefit to justify? And the second most important?

- Nutrition/health benefits..... 01
- Improved quality/taste/variety ..... 02
- Price/economic benefits ..... 03
- Animal cloning can help to solve the food problem worldwide..... 04
- [None] ..... 88
- [DK/NA] ..... 99

Q7. Please rate the following sources of information in terms of which you would trust the most to inform you about how safe cloned animals or their offspring were for human consumption? And which one would be the second most trusted source for you?

European institutions.....	1
Consumer organisations.....	2
Scientists.....	3
Media.....	4
The food industry.....	5
Animal welfare organisations.....	6
The national and European (e.g. European Food Safety Authority) agencies responsible for food safety.....	7
The national government.....	8
[None].....	88
[DK/NA].....	99

**BUYING MEAT/MILK AND INFORMATION WHEN BUYING MEAT/MILK**

Q8. If a source, that you trust, did state that meat and milk from cloned animals were safe to eat, how likely would you be to buy such products?

Very likely.....	1
Somewhat likely.....	2
Somewhat unlikely.....	3
Not likely at all.....	4
[DK/NA].....	9

Q9. And, if a source, that you trust, did state that meat and milk from animals where one of the parents was a clone (offspring), were safe to eat, how likely would you be to buy them?

Very likely.....	1
Somewhat likely.....	2
Somewhat unlikely.....	3
Not likely at all.....	4
[DK/NA].....	9

Q10. If products from offspring of cloned animals would be available, would you consider it to be important to have special labelling indicating that the food was obtained from the offspring of a cloned animal?

Yes, certainly.....	1
Yes, probably.....	2
No, probably not.....	3
No, certainly not.....	4
[DK/NA].....	9

Q11. In your opinion who would benefit and who would not benefit if cloning for food production was allowed?

- Would benefit ..... 1
- Would not benefit ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9
  
- a) Consumers ..... 1 2 9
- b) Farmers ..... 1 2 9
- c) Food companies/food industry..... 1 2 9

D1. Gender [DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE]

- [1] Male
- [2] Female

D2. How old are you?

- [ ] [ ] years old
- [00] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?  
[Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED]

- [ ] [ ] years old
- [00] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [01] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [99] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D4. As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity? Does it mean that you are a(n)...

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES ]

- Self-employed
  - i.e. : - farmer, forester, fisherman .....11
  - owner of a shop, craftsman .....12
  - professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...) 13
  - manager of a company .....14
  - other .....15
  
- Employee
  - i.e. : - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)21
  - general management, director or top management.....22
  - middle management .....23
  - Civil servant.....24
  - office clerk.....25
  - other employee (salesman, nurse, etc.....).....26
  - other .....27
  
- Manual worker
  - i.e. : - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...) .....31
  - Manual worker.....32
  - unskilled manual worker .....33
  - other .....34
  
- Without a professional activity
  - i.e. : - looking after the home.....41
  - student (full time) .....42
  - retired .....43
  - seeking a job .....44
  - other .....45
  - [Refusal].....99

D6. Would you say you live in a ...?

- metropolitan zone .....1
- other town/urban centre .....2
- rural zone .....3
- [Refusal] .....9