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RE: PUBLIC AUCTION OF CLONE PROGENY TOMORROW (5 MARCH)

Peter Stevenson, Chief Policy Advisor for Compassion in World Farming:

“The sale of the offspring of a cloned cow will bring cloning out of the laboratory and on to the farm. Before long, we will see meat and milk from the offspring of cloned animals on the supermarket shelf.

“We are calling on consumers to make it clear to the supermarkets that they don’t want meat or milk from cloned animals or their offspring. We urge the government to ban the cloning of animals. We’re working with MEPs to get a ban on the sale of meat or milk from cloned animals and their offspring.

“Cloning leads to a high level of animal suffering and health problems. Once a cloned embryo has been produced, it has to be implanted into a surrogate mother – this is a stressful and invasive procedure. Moreover, cloned foetuses are often larger than normal; this leads to difficult births and often to caesarean deliveries.

“Many clones die during pregnancy. Of those that survive, many die in the early weeks of life from heart and liver failure, kidney abnormalities and respiratory problems.

“Cloning of farm animals is taking us in the wrong direction - towards perpetuating industrial farming when all other societal trends point towards sustainable farming and respect for animals as sentient beings.”

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