

### Regulations and animal welfare: Europe Update

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### Regulations and Animal welfare

### Europe

- Cage/Cage-free production
- Beak treatments
- Culling DOC (Males)Sex determinationGrowing males



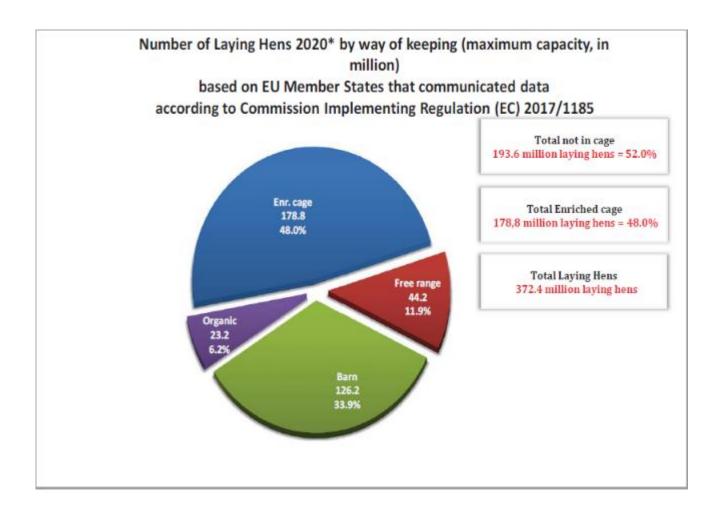


# Global housing systems layers





### **EU** housing systems layers







## **Legislation Mandating Changes**

- > From 2012 the production in traditional cages (550cm2) is forbidden in Europe.
- Production in enriched cages (750cm2) is allowed in Europe.Bans on these enriched cages by 2027.
- Austria and Switzerland is complete cage-free!

#### Production EU (372,4 milj)

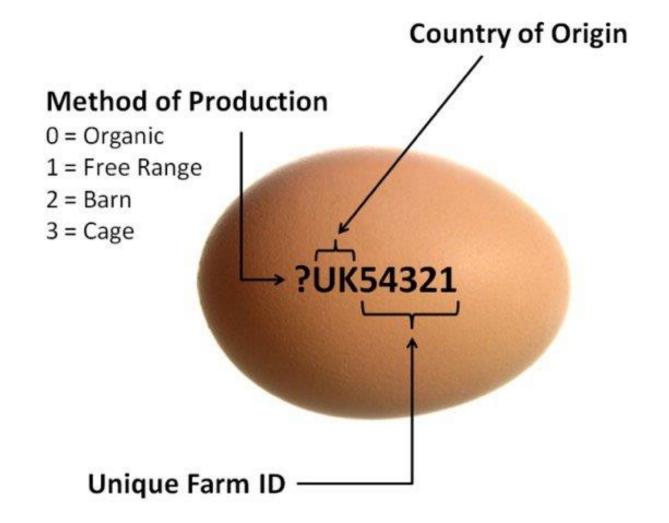
- > 48,0% Enriched cage
- > 33,9% Barn/Aviary
- > 11,9% Free-Range
- > 6,2% Organic





Source: Big Dutchman

### Coding off eggs





### **Customer demanding cage-free**

NL/D/CH/A already NO enriched cage table eggs

#### Some retailers:

- ➤ NO code 2 (Barn) eggs!!!!
- > Only code 0-1 and code 2 with better live star







### **Beak treatment Europe**

### Banned by law:

Norway 1974 (non EU)

> Finland 1986

> Sweden 1988

> Switzerland 1992 (non EU)

Denmark 2013

Austria 2013

Germany 2017

Netherlands 2018



Source: H&N Int.



### **Beak treatment Europe/UK**

### Spain/Portugal/France/Italy

More farms produce according **KAT regulations** were beak treatments are not allowed.

No regulations by law till now!

#### UK

During brexit period last year(s) this topic was parked.

No regulations by law till now!



### **KAT**

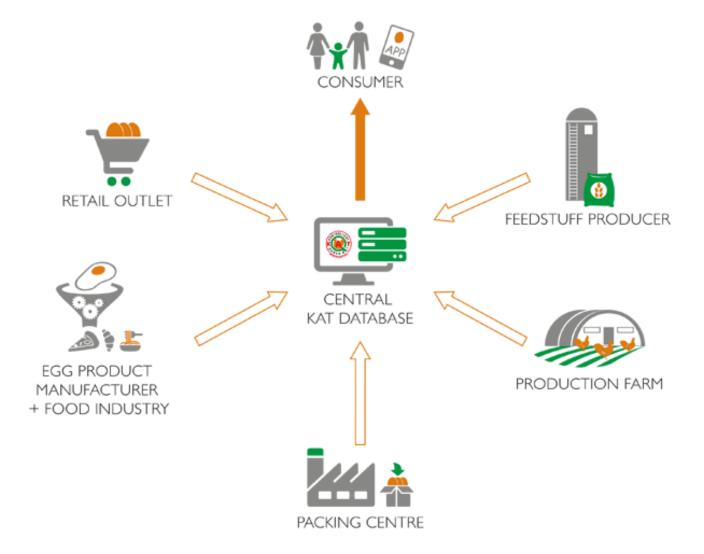
Association for contolled alternative of animal husbandry

Founded by retailers in 1995





### **KAT**





### Regulations EU (KAT) versus US (AHC-UEP)

KA	Γ regulati	ons				
			KAT - Europe		AHC	UEP
				America	an Humane Certified	United Egg Producers
Parameter			Aviary/Barn		Aviary/Barn	Aviary/Barn
Rearing						
Usable floor space		> June 2022	0.2833 sq ft		5 sq. ft	
		> Jan 2024	0.299 sq ft			
Layers						
Usable living space			1.194 sq ft	A	viary = 1 sq ft	Aviary = 1 sq. ft
Usable floor space			2.39 sq ft	All I	Litter =1.5 sq. ft	All Litter = 1.5 sq. ft
Nestboxes	(group nest)		8.9653 sq ft/100	9 s	sq ft/100 layers	9 sq ft / 100 layers
Perches			5,9 inch/layer		6 in/layer	6 in/layer
Feeders	(chain)		3,93 inch/layer		3 in/layer	3 in/layer
	(Pans)		1,57 inch/layer		1.5 in/layer	1.5in/layer
Outdoor space			10.76 sq. ft		21,8 sq. ft	-
Ammonia			no regulations		han 10 ppm, not to xceed 25 ppm	Less than 10 ppm, not to exceed 25 ppm
Lighting			3% daylight from total floorspace	10 Lu:	x or 1 FC average	5 FC at feeders and Drinkers
Water			1 nipple/10 hens	1 r	nipple/10 hens	1 nipple/10 hens
Litter			0,27 sq. ft/ 33% usable floorspace	2 in dry	y, 15% usable area	15% usable area excluding ness



## Germany/France regulations culling DOC Males

▶Germany:

>Jan 2022 ban on culling DOC



>Jan 2024 sex determinations before day 7!

>France:

>Jan 2022 ban on culling DOC





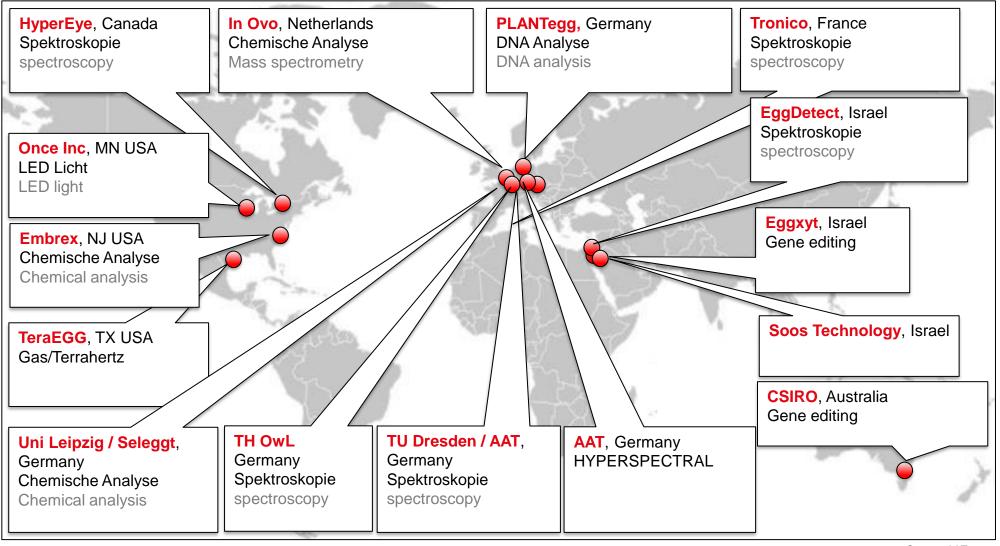
### Ban on culling DOC in Europe

> Spain/Portugal/Italy/Belgium/Netherlands

Hatchery's start already with preparations, because a lot of request from producers who have KAT certificate.

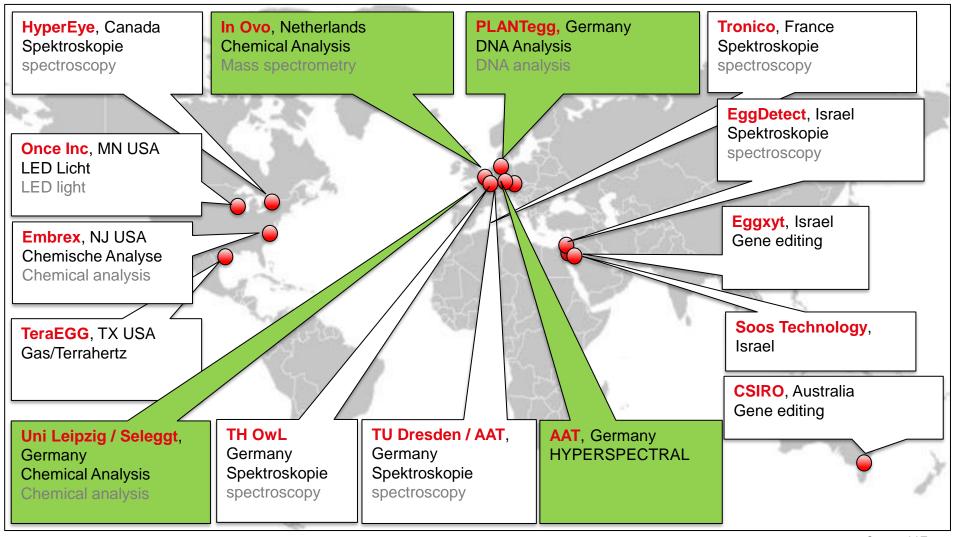


### **Techniques sex determinations DOC**





# **Available techniques sex determinations DOC**





# **Comparison of procedures**

	AAT	Seleggt	Plantegg	In-Ovo
Timing (days)	13	9	9	9
Sample	Image	Allantoic fluid	Allantoic fluid	Allantoic fluid
Sample Collection	n.a.	Laser + Pipette	Laser + Pipette	Needle
Kind of testing	Hyperspectral	Elisa	PCR	Mass Spectrometry
Accuracy	95-97% *	90-97%?	90-97%?	>=95% (claim)
Analysis time	< 1 second	45 min.	60 min.	20 min.
Egg treatment	non invasive	invasive	invasive	invasive
Impact on hatchability	< 0,5%	2-4% ?	2-4% ?	=< 0,5% HOT (claim)
Embryo losses	8-10%	5-10% ?	5-10% ?	=<8% day (claim)
Sexing errors	3-5%	3% (claim) 10% ?	3%(claim) 10% ?	=<5% (claim)
Consumables	non	high	high	low/medium
Capacity/hour/unit	20.000 eggs	3.000 eggs	3.000 eggs	6.500 eggs (claim)
Direct transfer	yes	no	no	no

Source: ELD



### **Growing Males**

- Adapted vaccination program for males (Hatchery/Rearing)
- Only use rearing houses that been approved by KAT
- > Perches, slats on different levels
- Material to keep the males busy (Pick stones, Alfalfa....)
- Daily control and registration by farm manager.

Guarantee of the highest animal welfare criteria!





### KAT Germany regulations growing males

> (Hatch-Equivalents)

Grow the male chicks from the same hatch as the female chicks

> (Head-Equivalents)

Keep the male chicks from other hatch/hatchery max. 12 months before female hatch. Males should be slaughtered before hatch the females.





## **Organic production in Germany**

- Organic commercial chicks only from Organic PS!
  - > Jan 2022 growing all the males

➤ Organic males rearing max 21kg/m² and 1m² outdoor range.





Sources: H&N UK

# **Rearing males**

### Development



Source: ELD

