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I would like to thank you for your letter of 21 December¹ regarding the follow-up to the discussions on the 48 hours withdrawal period for veterinary medicines in organic production due to the adoption of the new regulation on organic farming.

The Commission has finalized its legal analysis in relation to the new provisions of point 1.5.2.5 of Part II of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848² on withdrawal periods applying in organic livestock production.

This legal analysis has been validated by an inter-service consultation with the Legal Service and the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety of the Commission services and has been laid down in a draft Commission Notice on withdrawal periods in case of veterinary treatments of organic terrestrial livestock with veterinary medicinal products. The Notice is planned to be published in February 2022, after its adoption by the Commission.

From the information provided by Denmark on this issue, I understand that this legal analysis could impact certain organic operators in your country due to differences with former practices related to withdrawal periods and treatments of organic livestock that were used under the previous organic legislation.

However, from the replies the Commission received on a questionnaire sent to all Member States on their former practices, it appears that several Member States have been applying the rule of minimum 48 hours for withdrawal period in organic production and still have a viable organic livestock production.

¹ Ares (2021)7929792

² [CL2018R0848EN0020010.0001.3bi_cp.1..1 \(europa.eu\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/848/20220224/eng)

Please be informed that the Commission does not intend to submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council to amend the provisions of point 1.5.2.5 of Part II of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

