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Undirritaður mælir eindregið með samþykki þessa frumvarps í heild sinni.

Bloodfarms are incompatible with basic animal welfare. This should be clear to anyone who has seen the footage of pregnant mares being brutally forced into a booth where they are fixated to have large volumes of blood taken from them.

Taking blood from semi-wild horses necessarily causes stress and fear and cannot be done without using force. Aside from this, repeatedly extracting blood in volumes that exceeds existing international recommendations puts a physical strain on the pregnant animals.

Bloodfarms are also completely unnecessary as there are synthetic alternatives to PMSG. Moreover, the use of PMSG is in itself highly problematic, because it is related to a long list of welfare problems in industrial farming such as for instance large litter sizes of pigs leading to higher piglet mortality.

There are absolutely no good reasons to allow the continued existence of bloodfarms in Iceland. Please put a stop to the horses' suffering now. The EU Parliament is already looking to ban the import as well as the production of PMSG and instead of waiting for the EU, Iceland should make the right decision itself and immediately ban bloodfarms.

Þar af leiðandi fer ég Joh Vinding þess á leit við stjórnvöld á Íslandi að þau banni samstundis blóðtöku fylfullra hryssa, svokallaðra blóðmera, á Íslandi.

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