

General principles of Regulation 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing



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Introduction

- EU Slaughterhouses
 - 360 million pigs, cattle, sheep and goats
 - Several billion poultry
- Increasing interest for animal welfare
- Directive needed to be updated (1993)

Reasons and context

- Hygiene Package (2004)
- EFSA opinions (2004-2006)
- OIE guidelines (2005)
- Technological developments
- Action Plan on the Protection and Welfare of Animals (COM(2006)13)

EU legal framework

Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing

OJ L 303, 18,11,2009, p,1

- *Chapter I = Scope and definitions*
- *Chapter II = General requirements*
- *Chapter III = Slaughterhouses*
- *[Chapter IV = Depopulation & emergency]*
- *Chapter V = Competent authority*

General Principles

- **Regulation vs. Directive**
 - Direct application
 - No delay
 - Level playing field for operators



General Principles

- **Scope nearly unchanged**
 - Mainly slaughterhouses but also other cases e.g. farmed fish, reptiles and amphibians
 - Not applicable to hunting, bullfighting and veterinary practices
 - Slaughter vs Killing



General Principles

- **Operators to take ownership of animal welfare- OVs to let go**
 - Standard Operating Procedures
 - Monitoring the effect of stunning on animals
 - Determining key parameters of stunning



General Principles for Real Estate Agents

- **The 3 most important things when buying a property**
 - Location
 - Location and ...
 - Location!



And the Regulation's "*location, location, location*" ...

- Art. 4 **Stunning** methods
- Art. 5 Checks on **stunning**
- Art. 6 Standard operating procedures, with specific details provided concerning **stunning**
- Art. 8 Instructions for the use of restraining and **stunning** equipment
- Art. 9 Use of restraining and **stunning** equipment
- Art. 16 Monitoring procedures for checks on ... **stunning!**

General requirements

Stunning

- *All killing operations within the scope*
- *Operators are responsible*
- *Stunning is compulsory = respecting Annex I*
 - **Exemption in case of ritual slaughter**
- *Checks on*
 - **signs of consciousness till death**
 - **ritual slaughter (restraint/dressing)**
 - **Representative vs systematic checks**



General requirements

Stunning

- *Annex I = Authorised methods*
- *Conditions of use*
 - **Species/Slaughter, depopulation, others**
- *Key parameters*
 - **A, V, Hz, calibration, stun-to-stick, etc.**
- *Specific requirements (if any)*
 - **Minimum current for poultry waterbath stunning**



General requirements SOPs

- *See separate presentation on SOPs*

General requirements Business Operator Competence

- **Competence of staff**
 - General obligation
 - Certificate of competence
 - For staff in slaughterhouses
 - For fur farmers
- **Stunning and restraining equipment**
 - Instruction of use and maintenance
 - Method for monitoring stunning efficiency on animals



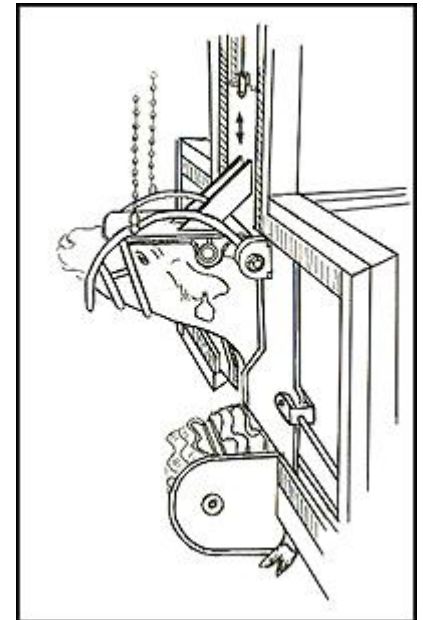
General requirements CA Competence



- *Training courses available*
- *Annex IV relates activities to competence*
- *System to approve training programmes*
- *System to deliver certificates*
- *Possibility to delegate to public/private bodies*

General requirements Equipment

- *Restraining and stunning equipment*
- *Manufacturers' instructions for*
 - **Scope of use (species, size, etc.)**
 - **Key parameters**
 - **Monitoring stunning effects**



Slaughterhouses

*Layout, constructions and
equipment*

- **Annex II – transitional
period till **8/12/2019****

Handling and restraining

- **Annex III – Operational
rules**



Slaughterhouses Monitoring procedures

- *Monitoring efficiency of stunning*
- *Indicators signs of consciousness and signs of life*
- *Criteria for satisfactory results*
- *Who, when, where, how often*
- *Representative sample*



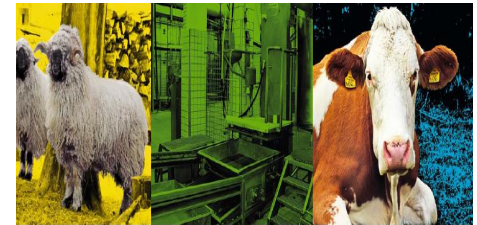
Slaughterhouses Monitoring procedures

Toolboxes on monitoring procedures

- **Cattle** <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3460.htm>
- **Sheep/goats** <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3522.htm>
- **Pigs** <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3523.htm>
- **Poultry** <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3521.htm>
- **Sample size** <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/541e.pdf>

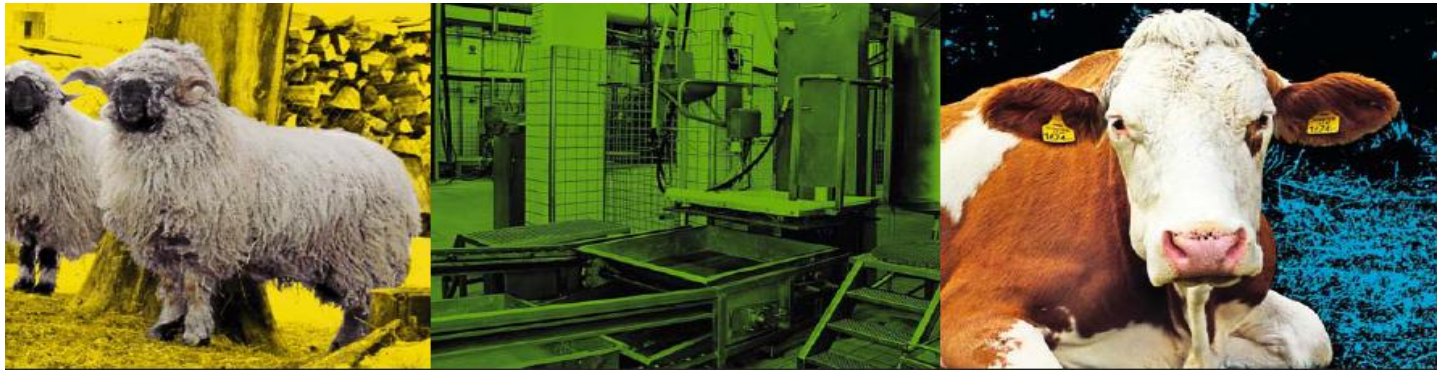
Slaughterhouses: Animal welfare officer

- *Slaughterhouse employee or contractor*
- *Power to check and require remedial actions*
- *Direct reporting to the director*
- *Responsive to staff concerns*
- *Responsible for recording actions*
- *Derogation for small slaughterhouses*



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http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/practice/slaughter/index_en.htm

Competent authority Scientific support

- *Designated Official reference for scientific and technical support*
- *Coordinating role of EFSA*



Killing for disease control

- Integration of AW plan within contingency plan
- Public reporting
- Possible derogation in case of emergency



Stricter national rules

- ***Can be maintained***
- ***Can be adopted in relation to***
 - Ritual Slaughter*
 - Farmed game,*
 - Killing outside slaughterhouses*

Imports from third countries

- *For imported meat only*
- *All requirements for slaughterhouses*
- *Health Certificate referring to equivalent requirements (Regulation No 191/2013 on certificates)*



Conclusion

- **New approach in line with the Hygiene Package**
 - Less prescriptive on means
 - More precise on outcomes (checks) and methods (SOP and AWO)
 - Authority auditing rather than checking
- **Policy focused on developing learning mechanisms**
 - Certificate of competence and scientific support



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