

State of harmonisation of national legislation with EU requirements for the welfare of farmed animals

Chapter 12 – Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy

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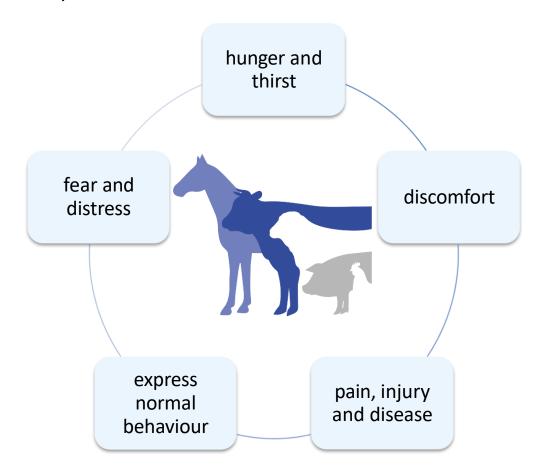
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НОРМАТИВНО-ПРАВОВА БАЗА УКРАЇНИ



Animal welfare is the physical and mental state of animals related to the conditions of their life and death, which ensure that animals freedom from:



COMPLIANCE WITH WELFARE REQUIREMENTS OF FARMED ANIMALS

- is not only a humane practice, but also a strategic investment in safe, cost-effective and competitive production
- this is what increases the stability of the livestock industry in the context of the modern market, legislation and society's expectations

REGULATORY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF UKRAINE



GENERAL LEGISLATION

Law of Ukraine "On Veterinary Medicine" (No. 2498)

Date of expiry: 01.03.2026

Date of entry into force

Law of Ukraine "On the Protection of Animals from Cruel Treatment" (No. 3447)

Law of Ukraine "On Veterinary Medicine" (No. 1206)

Draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine Regarding the Harmonisation of Regulations in the Field of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Welfare with European Union Legislation" (No. 12285-D)

SPECIAL LEGISLATION

Keeping

order of the Ministry of Economic
Development dated 08.02.2021 No. 224
"On Approval of Requirements for the Welfare of Farmed Animals during their Keeping"

Keeping

Order of the Ministry of
Agrarian Policy dated
15.02.2024 No. 431 "On
Approval of the Procedure for
State Registration of Facilities
and the Procedure for
Maintaining the State Register
of Business Operators and
Their Facilities"

Killing

Order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy No. 628 dated 29 August 2022 "On approval of Requirements for ensuring animal welfare during slaughter and killing"

Transportation

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine
No. 1402 dated 16
November 2011 "On
Approval of the Rules for the Transport of Animals"

REGULATORY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF UKRAINE: LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE WITH EUREQUIREMENTS



Fully aligned

Council Directive 98/58/EC
Council Directive 2007/43/EC
Council Directive 1999/74/EC
Council Directive 2008/119/EC
Council Directive 2008/120/EC
Commission Directive
2002/4/EC

Partially aligned

Regulation (EC) No 1/2005
Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009

Not aligned

Regulation (EU) 2023/372 control records on vessels

Regulation (EU) 12023/842 control during the transport of animals by ship

Regulation (EC) 1255/97 control posts, journey plan

Regulation (EU) 1523/2007 ban on cat and dog fur

Recommendation 008/120/EC *minimum standards for the protection of pigs*

Decision of the Council of 19 June 1978 – *keeping*

of 14 December 1992 – *keeping* of 21 June 2004 – *transportation* of 16 May 1988 – *killing*

EU acquis acts that will be directly applicable on the date of accession to the EU

Regulations (EU) 2018/329, 2019/1685 Commission Decisions C185/7, 2024/266, 2021/755







PERSONNEL TRAINING





МІНІСТЕРСТВО АГРАРНОЇ ПОЛІТИКИ ТА ПРОДОВОЛЬСТВА УКРАЇНИ

НАКАЗ

11.10.2024 № 3933

Зареєстровано в Міністерстві юстиції України 08 листопада 2024 року за № 1682/43027

Про затвердження деяких нормативно-правових актів щодо дотримання вимог законодавства про благополуччя тварин

Відповідно до <u>статей 6</u> 1 та 6^2 Закону України від 25 червня 1992 року № 2498-XII «Про ветеринарну медицину», <u>підпункту 13</u> пункту 7 розділу І Закону України від 30 червня 2023



КАБІНЕТ МІНІСТРІВ УКРАЇНИ ПОСТАНОВА

від 27 грудня 2024 р. № 1520 Київ

Про затвердження Порядку ведення Реєстру державних сертифікатів про наявність достатніх знань та навичок щодо дотримання вимог законодавства про благополуччя тварин

Відповідно до частини одинадцятої статті 80⁷ Закону України "Про ветеринарну медицину" Кабінет Міністрів України постановляє:

- Затвердити Порядок ведення Реєстру державних сертифікатів про наявність достатніх знань та навичок щодо дотримання вимог законодавства про благополуччя тварин, що додається.
 - 2. Ця постанова набирає чинності з 1 січня 2026 року.

Прем'єр-міністр України

д. ШМИГАЛЬ

ORDER of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy dated 11 October 2024 No. 3933

ON THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN REGULATORY AND LEGAL ACTS REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANIMAL WELFARE LEGISLATION



Order No. 3933 is the regulatory basis for the functioning of the system for training personnel at facilities to comply with animal welfare legislation, which approves:



Procedure for authorising organisations to carry out personnel training



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Procedure for personnel training, knowledge and skills declar and skills and skills and skills and skills and skills



Forms: applications, declarations, certificates, temporary admission



Procedure for issuing temporary permits to perform duties





НАВЧАННЯ ПЕРСОНАЛУ



ORDER Ministry of **Agrarian Policy** and Food of Ukraine No.3933 dated 11.10.2024





Select an authorised training provider on the Ministry of Economy website

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Take the exam 7–14 days

after training





Apply for training in vour field

theory ≥8 hours

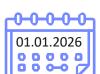


theory ≥4 hours



theory ≥6 hours Practice ≥10 conditional heads of livestock:

≥50 heads of poultry or rabbits



DAY OF **APPLICABILITY**



GE TEST





CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE (valid for 5 years)



KNOWLED

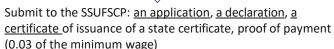


The SSUFSCP enters the certificate into the Register, the maintenance of which is approved by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1502, and issues it.

Receive a document of

completed training and

passed exam





Is it possible to obtain a certificate of competence without undergoing training?

YES, IF:

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Complete training:

theory + practice

(depending on the field)

You have at least one year of experience in handling animals, acquired before 1 January 2027 (temporary rule until 1 March 2027).

You have completed training at educational institutions whose programmes include topics related to animal welfare

or There are documents issued in EU Member States confirming sufficient knowledge and skills regarding animal welfare



You must contact the SSUFSCP with a package of supporting documents and proof of payment.



EU acquis

Council Directive 98/58/EC

on the protection of animals kept for agricultural purposes

Council Directive 2007/43/EC

laying down minimum rules for the protection of broilers

Council Directive 1999/74/EC

laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens

Council Directive 2008/119/EC

laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves

Council Directive 2008/120/EC

laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs

National legislation

Order of the Ministry of Economic Development

No. 224 of 08.02.2021 "On the Approval of Requirements for the Welfare of Farmed Animals during their Keeping"

Entry into force - 05.03.2021

Level of alignment



APPROVED BY ORDER:

General requirements for the welfare of farmed animals during their keeping





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Specific welfare requirements for the keeping of the following farmed animals:

broilers

laying hens

pigs

calves



















General requirements





Basic rules



Sufficient number of staff with proven knowledge and competence



Systematic inspection of all animals at least once a day



Sufficient space to meet the animals' needs and allow them freedom of movement



Keeping animals tethered or in confined conditions is only permitted if they are provided with sufficient space

Not applicable

- animals living in a state of natural freedom
- animals used in entertainment, cultural and/or sporting events and activities
- experimental and laboratory animals
- invertebrates



A complete ban on mutilating animals, even for preventive purposes (tail docking, beak trimming, castration without anaesthesia, etc.)



Requirement to keep records of treatment, veterinary medicines and mortality and to store this data for at least 3 years



All premises, equipment and ventilation must meet high standards (safe materials, backup systems, alarms)

ВИМОГИ ДО БЛАГОПОЛУЧЧЯ СІЛЬСЬКОГОСПОДАРСЬКИХ ТВАРИН ПІД ЧАС ЇХ УТРИМАННЯ



Broilers



> 500 broilers

Basic rules

- Restrictions on broiler stocking density (33–39 kg/m²)
- Clear requirements for ventilation and microclimate
- Mandatory availability and maintenance of complete technical documentation
- **Prohibition of any interventions** except beak trimming (up to 10 days) and castration (under veterinary supervision)
- Daily record keeping and reporting
- Mandatory training and certification of personnel
- Strict control of total daily mortality

- keeping fewer than 500 broilers
- keep only parent stock of broilers
- incubators
- broilers kept on the floor with access to outdoor runs
- organically reared



Laying hens





> 350 laying hens

Basic rules

- In alternative systems, no more than 9 hens per 1 m² of usable area are allowed
- Lighting 24-hour cycle, with a continuous period of darkness lasting approximately 1/3 of the day (8 hours), as well as a period of twilight.
- Beak trimming is only permitted up to 10 days of age and only by qualified personnel.
- Clear standards 1 nest per 7 hens, 15 cm per hen, litter \geq 250 cm² per hen, \geq 1/3 of floor space litter
- No more than 4 levels, distance between levels ≥ 45 cm, no droppings falling onto lower tiers
- Area per perch ≥ 750 cm2, of which usable area ≥ 600 cm², with a total area ≥ 2,000 cm². Height ≥ 20 cm. Perch length ≥ 15 cm per perch. Nests and bedding are provided.

- of farms (facilities)
 keeping fewer than 350
 laying hens
- farms (facilities) where parent stock of laying hens are reared



Pigs



> 15 pigs

Basic rules

- Increase in area. For example: pigs >110 kg 1.00 m²; for replacement gilts after insemination 1.64 m², etc.
- Mandatory group housing for sows and replacement gilts
- Materials for natural behaviour must be provided (straw, hay, sawdust, etc. for digging and exploring)
- Restrictions on the use of slatted flooring Clear standards for maximum hole width and minimum slat width
- Regulation of tail docking, teeth clipping and castration Only permitted if there is evidence of aggression and after alternative measures have been taken
- Mandatory staff training

Not applicable

Keeping fewer than 15 pigs



Calves



> **10** calves

Basic rules

Prohibition of individual housing of calves older than 8 weeks



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Not applicable

Less than 10 calves

- **Increase in minimum area:** <150 κг ≥ 1,5 м²; 220+ кг ≥1,8 м²
- Mandatory lighting with duration standards
- Feeding with mandatory roughage and iron control
- Calves up to 2 weeks old must have **bedding**



EU acquis

Council Directive 98/58/EC on the protection of animals kept for agricultural purposes

National legislation

Order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy

No. 2266 of 29 July 2024 "On the approval of requirements for ensuring the welfare of working animals belonging to the equidae family (Equidae)"

Entry into force – 09.09.2024

Day of applicability - 01.01.2026

Level of alignment







МІНІСТЕРСТВО АГРАРНОЇ ПОЛІТИКИ ТА ПРОДОВОЛЬСТВА УКРАЇНИ

НАКАЗ

29.07.2024 № 2266

Зареєстровано в Міністерстві юстиції України 14 серпня 2024 р. за № 1241/42586

Про затвердження Вимог до забезпечення благополуччя робочих тварин, що належать до родини коневих (Equidae)

Відповідно до <u>абзацу пістналцятого</u> підпункту 13 пункту 7 розділу І Закону України від 30 червня 2023 року № 3221-1X «Про внесення змін до деяких законів України шодо вдосконалення державного регулювання продовольної безпеки та розвитку париништва», пункту 2 Всеохоплюючої стратегії імплементації Глави ІV (Санітарні та фітосанітарні заходи)





Requirements

Requirements for ensuring the welfare of working animals belonging to the equine family (Equidae)

Basic rules

- Staff have undergone welfare training and received confirmation of successful completion of such training
- Regular veterinary care for working animals
- Provision of adequate shelter
- Daily hoof inspection, regular shoeing, cleaning only by trained persons
- Requirements for the quality, shape, comfort and serviceability of harnesses. Prohibition on the use of whips and goads
- Balanced and high-quality feeding
- Restrictions on working hours, mandatory breaks, active exercise, days off, reduction of workload in hot weather

- intended for use during entertainment, cultural and/or sporting events and activities
- intended solely for food production
- experimental and laboratory animals



EU acquis

Commission Directive 2002/4/EC

on the registration of establishments keeping laying hens covered by

Council Directive 1999/74/EC

National legislation

LAW OF UKRAINE

"On the basic principles and requirements for the safety and quality of food products"

ORDER of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine No. 431 dated 15 February 2024

"On Approval of the Procedure for State Registration of Facilities and the Procedure for Maintaining the State Register of Business Operators and Their Facilities"

Level of alignment



Fully aligned

For chicken egg production facilities, the method code is indicated:

- 0 keeping in accordance with organic production, circulation and labelling of organic products;
- 1 free-range keeping;
- 2 floor rearing;
- 3 cage rearing.





Partially aligned

EU acquis

Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009

National legislation

Order No. 628 of 29 August 2022

"On the approval of requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals during slaughter and killing"

Implementation

Entered into force together with Law of Ukraine

No. 1206-IX (01.03.26) with the exception of:

- until 1 January 2027, the provisions of paragraph 1 of Chapter 1 of Section III of the Requirements shall apply only to new slaughterhouses;
- from 1 January 2027 to all slaughterhouses;
- Requirements of Chapter 5, Section II
 The requirements shall apply from 1
 January 2027.









Amendments to Order No. 628



Requirements

Requirements for ensuring animal welfare during slaughter and killing

Basic rules

- Installation of special equipment for stunning, if still used stunning method that is not included in the list of permitted methods
- Mandatory monitoring of the animal's condition after stunning
 assessment of unconsciousness, reflex test
- Development, documentation and implementation of SOPs, internal checks, audits
- Obligation to appoint a qualified person responsible for welfare
- Retention of documentation on measures taken for at least three years
- Staff performing stunning and killing must have appropriate training and certificates of competence
- Detailed requirements for the design and layout of slaughterhouses

- Reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates (completely)
- fish (partially)
- slaughter for personal consumption (in certain cases)
- scientific experiments, hunting, fishing, cultural/sporting events

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WELFARE OF FARMED ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT



Partially aligned

EU acquis

Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97

National legislation

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 1402 of 16 November 2011 "On Approval of the Rules for the Transport of Animals"

Implementation

Adopted on 16 November 2011 Entered into force and day of applicability as of 6 February 2012

Next steps

Amendments to Law of Ukraine No. 1206 "On Veterinary Medicine"

01.03.2026

Finalise and approve the draft Order

by the end of 2026





REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WELFARE OF FARMED ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT



Requirements

Requirements for ensuring animal welfare during **transport**

Basic rules

- Obtaining a transport permit, certification transport
- Staff training and obtaining the relevant **certificate of competence**
- Planning journey and developing measures for non-standard situations
- More detailed rules for different types of animals are set out regarding stops during transport
- GPS/satellite monitoring for transport lasting more than 8 hours
- Detailed requirements for temperature, ventilation, lighting and watering
- Minimum space per animal
- Requirements for **control posts**, ensuring loading and unloading of animals
- Requirements for maintaining and completing the journey log

- Invertebrates
- Private transport (noncommercial)
- Short journeys (if not part of a business)
- Animals transported for treatment
- Seasonal movement of animals by farmers (partially)
- Transportation of own animals by farmers using their own transport for distances up to 50 km from the farm

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WELFARE OF FARMED ANIMALS



Category	Possible costs (one-off/ongoing)	Expected benefits/savings
1. Maintenance and infrastructure	 Modernisation of livestock facilities Reducing animal density in livestock buildings Improved ventilation and lighting 	 Reduction in mortality and disease Better productivity and product quality Less injury and stress
2. Feeding and watering	 Automated feeding/watering systems Reconfiguration of space for easy access to water and feed 	 Optimal feed conversion Fewer gastrointestinal diseases Better daily weight gain / higher milk yields
3. Transport	 Modernisation of transport in accordance with EU requirements Specialised staff training 	 Reduced road mortality Higher quality meat (less stress = better pH) Access to EU markets
4. Slaughter conditions	 Purchase of stunning equipment Refurbishment of reception areas 	 Less stress before slaughter Better meat quality Compliance with EU/OECD requirements

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WELFARE OF FARMED ANIMALS



Category	Possible costs (one-off/ongoing)	Expected benefits/savings
5. Personnel training	 Organisation of training courses Continuous professional development Training fees Certificate fees 	 Professional animal handling Reduction in production losses Safer working environment
6. Documentation and internal audit	 Costs of self-monitoring systems Collection of data on welfare indicators 	 Readiness for EU inspections Improved farm management Basis for certification
7. Ethical and humane motivation	 Integration of humane practices into corporate culture Working with public opinion 	 Recognition of the company as socially responsible Reduction of public pressure/smear campaigns
8. Expansion of the trade market	 Costs of adapting to importers' standards Translation of documentation 	 Entry into the markets of the EU, Canada, Singapore, South Korea and others Advantage in public procurement

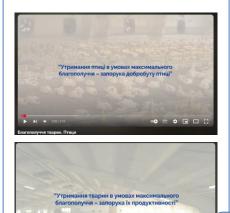


22 information materials developed and process is ongoing

2 videos developed









ІМПЛЕМЕНТАЦІЙНІ ТА ОЦІНОЧНІ ОСОБЛИВОСТІ ВИМОГ ЩОДО БЛАГОПОЛУЧЧЯ ТВАРИН КРАЇН-КАНДИДАТІВ ДО €С



HARMONIZATION OF WELFARE





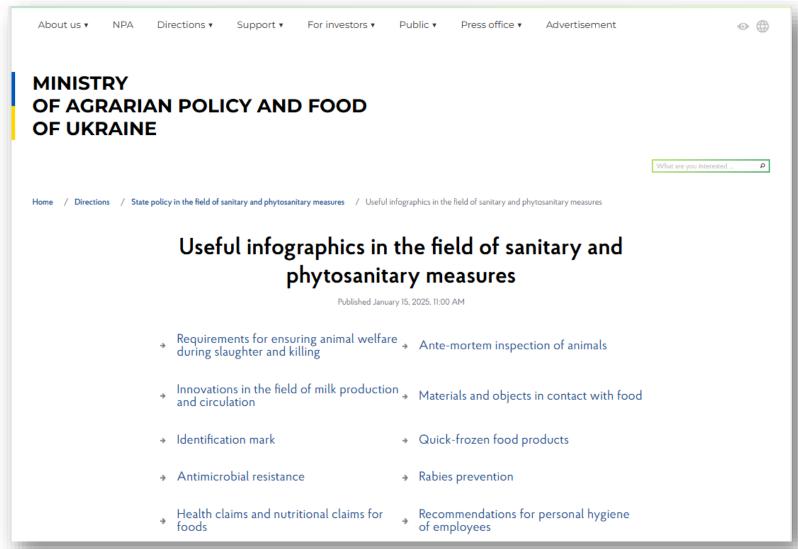


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