

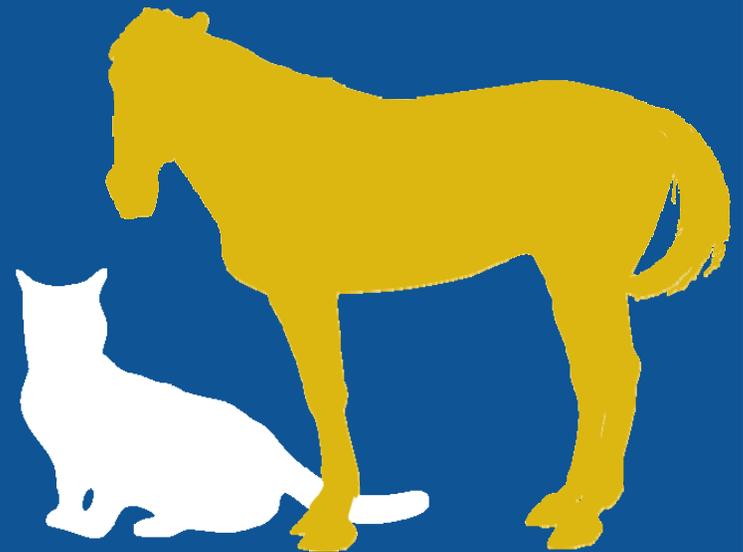


Mandate on monitoring procedures at slaughterhouses

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Background (1)

- *Regulation 1099/2009 applies from 1/1/2013*
- *Article 5 requires*
 - **regular checks to ensure that animals do not present signs of consciousness or sensibility until death**
 - **systematic checks in case of slaughter without stunning**

No signs of consciousness and sensibility before being released from restrain

No sign of life before dressing/scalding

Background (2)

Articles 16 requires specific monitoring procedures for slaughterhouses:

- ***Indicators A*** signs of consciousness/sensibility before death [or release from restraint]
- ***Indicators B*** signs of life before dressing or scalding (slaughter without stunning only)
- *Criteria for satisfactory results*
- *Circumstances (who, when, where, how, what)*
- *Number of animals*

Background (3)

Other considerations (Article 16):

"The frequency of the checks shall take into account the main risk factors, such as changes regarding the types or the size of animals slaughtered or personnel working patterns and shall be established so as to ensure results with a high level of confidence. "

In practice: source of variability = risk factor



Background (4)

*The Commission wants adopt **EU guidelines** concerning monitoring procedures in slaughterhouses:*

Purpose of the EFSA opinion:

Provide a **toolbox for Member States inspection authorities** in order to check that slaughterhouses propose and implement reliable monitoring procedures on stunning



Terms of Reference (1)

Only for the most common stunning methods (indicators A):

- penetrative captive bolt for bovine animals
- head-only electrical stunning for pigs
- head-only electrical stunning for sheep and goats
- electrical waterbath for chickens and turkeys
- carbon dioxide at high concentration for pigs
- all authorised gas methods to slaughter chickens and turkeys



Terms of Reference (2)

Slaughter without stunning (indicators A and B):

- **bovine animals**
- **sheep and goats**
- **chickens and turkeys**



Terms of Reference (3)

Specific considerations for:

- **Sampling size to reach high level of confidence**
- **A minimum of two indicators**
- **Monitoring in the context of slaughterhouses**
implying human, physical and economic constraints
- **Risks factors are often specific to some stunning methods**
- **Possibility to modulate sampling regimes (light, regular, reinforced)**

Merci pour votre attention!



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