

Features of the revised Chapter 7.5. Animal welfare during slaughter

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REVISION CHAPTER 7.5 ANIMAL WELFARE DURING SLAUGHTER ²

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What is new

- ❑ **New title: Chapter 7.5. Animal welfare during slaughter of animal.**
 - ❑ https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/terrestrial-code-online-access/?id=169&L=1&htmfile=chaptre_aw_slaughter.htm
- ❑ **Chapter divided in two main categories of animals:**
 - ❑ free moving animals
 - ❑ animals in containers
- ❑ **Structure for each operation and method presented (35 Articles):**
 - ❑ 1.) Animal welfare concerns
 - ❑ 2.) Animal-based and other measures
 - ❑ 3.) Recommendations
 - ❑ 4.) Species-specific recommendations

Introduction

Providing good welfare to animals at slaughter is ethically and economically beneficial. The implementation of animal welfare measures, in addition to giving value to the product directly for ethical reasons, contributes to the improvement of workers' wellbeing, health and safety. This will also contribute to food safety and product quality, and consequently to the improvement of economic returns.

Scope

- This chapter applies to the slaughter in slaughterhouses/abattoirs of free-moving animals, such as ruminants, camelids, equids and pigs, and animals in containers such as rabbits and most poultry species.
- Identifies welfare concerns and potential hazards for arrival and unloading, lairage, handling, restraint, stunning and bleeding.
- Provides animal-based measures to assess the level of welfare.
- Provides general and species-specific recommendations.
- Applies to free-moving animals and animals in containers.



- The principles underpinning these recommendations should also be applied to the slaughter of other species and those slaughtered in other places.
- This chapter should be read in conjunction with the guiding principles for animal welfare provided in Chapter 7.1., Chapter 7.14. killing of reptiles for their skins, meat and other products and with relevant provisions of Chapters 6.2. and 6.3.

Thank you!

Merci

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