

Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing

Consultation Questionnaire

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Introduction

This consultation seeks views on proposals to implement Council Regulation (EC) 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing, in England, with effect from 1 January 2013.

This questionnaire sets out specific questions in relation to the key aspects of our implementation proposals. There are three headings with questions under each section:

1. **About you:** this section will help us to gain a good understanding of your background and help us put your comments into context.
2. **Consultation questions:** this section provides you with an opportunity to comment on the proposed implementation arrangements, as outlined in the consultation document and separate impact assessment.
3. **Other comments:** this section is for you to add any other additional comments that you wish to make regarding our proposals or the way this consultation has been conducted.

Completing the questionnaires

To ensure that your responses can be consistently analysed and assessed you should complete the questions relevant to you in responding to this consultation.

To help ensure that decisions on the way Regulation 1099/2009 is implemented are based on the best available evidence, it is important that you provide evidence to support your comments. Whilst recognising that some information will be commercially sensitive, it will be helpful if, where possible, your evidence is quantified in monetary terms.

Responses should be received by **24 October 2012**.

Responses received after the closing date will not be counted.

Responses should be sent by email to Animal Welfare Team at animalwelfareconsultations@defra.gsi.gov.uk

or by posting to:

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Area 8B LMB
C/o Nobel House
17 Smith Square
London
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Section 1 – About you

Please return this form with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

1. Name/Organisation

Organisation Name

Title **Mr** **Ms** **Mrs** **Miss** **Ms** **Dr** *Please tick as appropriate*

Surname

Forename

2. Postal Address

Postcode	Phone	Email

3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual	/	Group/Organisation
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please tick as appropriate</i>		

<p>(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Defra library and/or on the Defra web site)? <i>Please tick as appropriate</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis <i>Please tick ONE of the following boxes</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Yes, make my response, name and address all available</td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><i>or</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><i>or</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Yes, make my response, name and address all available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>or</i>		Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>or</i>		Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>(c) The name and address of your organisation will be made available to the public (in the Defra library and/or on the Defra web site).</p> <p>Are you content for your response to be made available? <i>Please tick as appropriate</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Nature of organisation <i>Please tick ONE of the following boxes</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Slaughter Industry / organisation</td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Seasonal slaughter</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Holding with livestock</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Holding with poultry</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Hatchery</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Other killing establishment</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Equipment manufacturer</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Welfare NGO</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Religious group / organisation</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Other</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Please specify</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Slaughter Industry / organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seasonal slaughter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holding with livestock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holding with poultry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hatchery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other killing establishment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Welfare NGO	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious group / organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(d) We will share your response internally with other Defra policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Defra to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?
Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Section 2 - Consultation Questions

Please ensure that you have read and understood the consultation document before completing this questionnaire. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Standard Operating Procedures (Paragraph 16)

Consultation question 1. Will the flexibility Regulation 1099 / 2009 provides to adapt procedures to meet local circumstances through Standard Operating Procedures lead to cost savings? If so how and to what extent will costs be reduced?

Yes No

Comments

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Comments

Cervical dislocation (Paragraph 16)

Consultation question 2. Will the prohibition on the use of cervical dislocation of poultry as a routine slaughter method cause operational difficulties? If so what additional costs will be involved?

Yes No

Comments

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Comments

Competent authority (Paragraphs 20 – 25)

Consultation question 3. Do you have any comments on the proposed allocation of competent authority and Member State responsibilities?

Yes No

Comments

Certificates of Competence (Paragraphs 26 – 56)

Consultation question 4. Do you have any comments on the overall approach proposed in relation to the introduction of Certificates of Competence?

Yes No

Comments

Consultation question 5. Do you have any comments on the Certificate of Competence transitional arrangements?

Yes No

Comments

Consultation question 6. Do you consider the approach to establishing three years' relevant professional experience is proportionate? Can more be done to recognise wider experience where relevant particularly in relation to seasonal slaughter operations?

Yes No

Comments

Can more be done to recognise wider experience where relevant and appropriate?

Comments

National rules (Paragraphs 57 – 88)

Consultation question 7. Do you consider that the proposed approach in relation to national rules will be effective in maintaining existing welfare standards?

Yes No

Comments

Consultation question 8. Will the national rules proposed reduce the flexibility Regulation 1099 / 2009 provides to adapt procedures to meet local circumstances through Standard Operating Procedures – which of the proposed national rules measures do you consider will reduce flexibility - what is the reason for this – what impact will this have on business operating costs?

Yes No

Comments

Consultation question 9. Is there a welfare case for retaining other WASK measures identified at Annex 3 through national rules - which measures do you consider should be retained and what is the welfare justification for each?

Yes No

Comments

Consultation question 10. Should the WASK prohibition on poll stunning of bovines be removed and, if so what detailed requirements should apply?

Yes No

Comments

National rules under Article 26(2) (Paragraphs 89 – 99)

Consultation question 11. Do you have any comments on the national rules proposed to maintain welfare protection for animals slaughtered in accordance with religious rites?

Yes No

Comments

Consultation question 12. Do you consider the modified arrangements for approving equipment for use in relation to slaughter in accordance with religious rites will ensure appropriate welfare protection?

Yes No

Comments

Consultation question 13. Will any of the national rules proposed impact on members of the Muslim and Jewish communities' ability to eat meat prepared in accordance with their religious beliefs?

Yes No

Comments

Depopulation (Paragraphs 100 - 101)

Consultation question 14. Do you agree that derogations should be authorised in writing by the Secretary of State should exceptional circumstances arise?

Yes No

Comments

Offences and Penalties (Paragraphs 102 – 106)

Consultation question 15. Do you consider that the proposed penalties represent proportionate and effective sanctions?

Yes No

Comments

Enforcement (Paragraphs 107 – 110)

Consultation question 16. Do you consider that the proposed approach to enforcement will be effective in dealing with non compliance?

Yes No

Comments

Powers of Entry (Paragraphs 111 – 116)

Consultation question 17. Do you consider that the proposed powers of entry ensure appropriate enforcement action can be taken whilst protecting the rights of individuals?

Yes No

Comments

Appeals (Paragraphs 117 – 121)

Consultation question 18. (Asked on behalf of the Tribunal Procedure Committee) To what extent do you agree that the General Regulatory Chamber Rules will suit the handling of these appeals?

Yes No

Comments

Transitional Measures (Paragraphs 122 – 123)

Consultation question 19. Do you have any comments on the proposed approach to transitional measures?

Yes No

Comments

CCTV and monitoring (Paragraphs 126 – 131)

Consultation question 20. Do you agree business operators are best placed to decide which monitoring tools are most appropriate for their individual circumstances?

Yes No

Comments

Section 3 - Any other comments

Consultation Question 21. – Do you have any other comments on the implementation of Regulation 1099/2009 in England?

Yes No

Comments

Consultation Question 22. – Do you consider that the consultation paper explained the key issues sufficiently for you to properly consider your responses?

Yes No

Comments

Consultation Question 23. – Do you consider that you had sufficient time to respond to the consultation?

Yes No

Comments

Consultation Question 24. – Do you have any other comments on the way this consultation has been conducted?

Yes No

Comments