

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

The present questionnaire is part of a series of actions which the Commission intends to take to accompany the efforts being deployed by the Member States to prepare the entry into application of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009. The results of this collection of data will be also to allow transparent and uniform implementation among Member States, providing a forum for exchange of good practices and common understanding of the legislation, as well as allowing monitoring the progress achieved.

Legal warning:

The public may request access to the data provided to the Commission in this questionnaire, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43). In replying to this questionnaire you agree on behalf on your Member State that the data are accessible to the public and authorise the Commission to disclose them in case of request, without additional agreement.

If you consider that some of the data should not be disclosed to the public, please indicate the corresponding Question numbers and provide the reasons for these exceptions which shall be justified by one of the exceptions foreseen in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

MEMBER STATE	
PERIOD OF DATA COLLECTION	

Q 1- DATA ON ESTABLISHMENTS

Number of establishments (i.e. locations) except for equipment manufacturer where only the number of manufacturers is relevant.

For A, B, C and D specify the main type of stunning method (mechanical, electrical or gas).

Type of establishments	Mechanical	Electrical	Gas	Total number
A red meat slaughterhouses (cattle, sheep, goat, pigs, horses)				
B poultry slaughterhouses (and rabbits)				
C fur farms				
D Establishments where chicks up to 72 hours and egg embryos are killed				
E restraining and stunning equipment manufacturers				

Q2 - INFORMATION TO STAKEHOLDERS

Actions performed in order to inform stakeholders of the provisions of Regulation 1099/2009:

Actions of communication	Number of actions	Estimated number of people reached	Type of operators concerned by the action
Press releases/short communications			A/B/C/D
Press articles in specialised publications			A/B/C/D
Dedicated web pages/online information			A/B/C/D
Meetings/conferences/workshops			A/B/C/D
Specific administrative notes or procedures			A/B/C/D
Other types of communication			A/B/C/D

Q3 - TRAINING OF OFFICIALS

Number officials concerned by this regulation	
Number of men*days specifically dedicated to train trainers on this regulation	
Number of men*days specifically dedicated to train directly officials on this regulation	

Q4-GUIDES TO GOOD PRACTICE (Article 13)

Number of guides to good practice currently under preparation in your country	
Please provide the scope of these guides	
Number of guides to good practice approved in your country	
Please provide references	(free text)

Q5-LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE BY BUSINESS OPERATORS

Estimate here the percentage of compliance of operators concerned if the regulation was to be applicable today.

Percentage of equipment manufacturers not in compliance with requirements of Article 8	
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Table 1 – Percentage of establishments not in compliance

Percentage of establishments not in compliance	A Red meat	B Poultry	C Fur farmers	Range of penalties (see Q11)
All business operators				
Art. 4 (1) stunning methods				
Art. 4 (4) ritual slaughter*				
Art. 5 check on stunning				
Art. 6 SOP				
Art. 7 (2) certificate of competence				
Art. 9 use of equipment				
Slaughterhouses				
Art. 14 (1) (Annex II)				
Section 1 of Annex II All lairage facilities				
Section 2 of Annex II Animals not delivered in containers				
Section 3 of Annex III Restraining equipment facilities				
Section 4 Electrical stunning equipment				
Section 5 Waterbath stunning				
Section 6 Gas stunning				
Art. 15 (1) (Annex III)				
Section 1 of Annex III Arrival, moving, handling				
Section 2 of Annex III Mammals in lairage				
Section 3 of Annex III Bleeding				
Art. 15 (2) and 15 (3) Handling and restraining				
Art. 16 Monitoring procedure				
Art. 17 Animal welfare officer				

Q6-DEPOPULATION (Article 18)

Number of contingency plans amended to comply with the regulation?	
Have you made arrangements to collect and report data as laid down into Article 18 (4)?	Y / N
Have you made arrangements to develop under what exceptional circumstances derogation can be granted as laid down in Article 18(3)?	Y/N

Q7-EMERGENCY KILLING (Article 19)

Did you inform the following stakeholders of their specific obligations deriving from the provisions of Article 19 :	
A Red meat slaughterhouses	Y / N
B Poultry slaughterhouses	Y / N
C Fur farmers	Y / N
Other establishments where livestock is kept (like assembly centres)	Y / N
Veterinarians private practitioners working in farms	Y / N
Official veterinarians working in slaughterhouses	Y / N
Official veterinarians working outside slaughterhouses (e.g. assembly centres)	Y / N

Q8-SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT (Article 20)

Have you set up a scientific support and appoint a single contact point via the Internet as provided in Article 20?	Y / N
If yes, please provide the details of the contact point	(free text with 150 words)

Q9-CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE (Article 21)

Have you designated a competent authority for the purpose of Article 21 (1)?	Y / N
If yes, please provide details here:	Free text with 150 words
Have you delegated some tasks to separate bodies as foreseen in Article 21 (2) and published their details in the internet?	Y / N
If yes, please provide details here:	
Have you implemented a system as to check that applicants for certificates of competence have not committed serious infringement on animal protection as foreseen in Article 21 (6)?	Y / N

Q10-NON COMPLIANCE (Article 22)

Have you ensured that the competent authority has the following legal powers as laid down in Article 22 (1):	
– Amending standard operating procedures?	Y / N
– To require business operators to slowdown or stop production?	Y / N
– Increasing the level of checks referred to in Article 5?	Y / N
– Amending monitoring procedures referred to in Article 16?	Y / N
– Suspending or withdrawing certificates of competence?	Y / N
– Suspending or withdrawing the delegation of power referred to in Article 21(2)?	Y / N
– Requiring the amendment of the instructions referred in to Article 8?	Y / N

Q11- PENALTIES (Article 23)

Have you establish effective, proportionate and dissuasive penalties in case of infringements to the regulation?	Y / N
On which basis have you considered that penalties are proportionate and dissuasive?	Free text 150 words max
In establishing penalties, have you compared the level of financial penalties with the economic benefits that operators could receive in breaching the provisions of the regulation?	Y / N

Please note that the reply to the present questionnaire is not considered as a notification in the meaning of Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009.

Q12-STRICTER NATIONAL RULES (Article 26)

Before the entry into force of the Regulation do you have already national rules in place as referred to in Article 26(1)?	Y / N
Have you informed the Commission of stricter national rules already in place as foreseen in Article 26(1)?	Y / N
If yes please provide precise reference of your information	
Have you adopted, since 2010, stricter national rules in the meaning of Article 26(2) on...	
(a) killing of animals outside of a slaughterhouse?	Y / N
(b) slaughtering of farmed game?	Y / N
(c) slaughter without stunning [Article 4(4)]?	Y / N
Have you taken measures foreseen by Article 26 (3)[stunning methods in Annex I]?	Y / N

Q13-TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS (Article 29)

Have you informed slaughterhouse operators of the deadline of 8 December 2019 as foreseen in Article 29(1)?	Y / N
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Q14 – POSSIBLE AREAS FOR EU GUIDELINES

The regulation foresees six areas for EU guidelines. Please indicate by a number from 1 to 6 your order of priority (1 highest priority) and, within each area which subject you would see as to be clarified more importantly at EU level?

Areas of guidelines as laid down in the regulation	Priority order	Important subjects to be clarified at EU level
On stunning methods (Article 4(3))		
On slaughterhouse requirements for the layout, construction and equipment (Article 14(4))		
On slaughterhouse operational rules (Article 15(5))		
On slaughterhouse monitoring procedure (Article 16(6))		
On depopulation (Article 18(5))		
On training courses and delivery of certificates of competence (Article 21(8))		

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