

Animal Welfare at slaughter and killing for disease control

Fact sheet

Module learning objectives

The course is aimed at allowing participants to improve their knowledge and practical skills on:

- relevant EU legislation (the main focus is on the Regulation (EC) N.1099/2009);
- scientific basis for proper pre-slaughter handling, stunning, slaughter and killing of animals;
- animal lairage, housing, handling and assessment of keeping facilities;
- main stunning and killing techniques at slaughterhouses in Europe and in the context of killing for depopulation purposes;
- resource and management – based measures,
- animal-based measures mainly from Welfare Quality® Protocols;
- killing of animals for depopulation purposes (e.g. in case of epidemic diseases).

The scientific contents are mainly focused on the following animal species:

- cattle
- pigs
- small ruminants
- broiler chickens.

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Entry test

Welcome

Unit 1 Anatomy and Physiology

Unit 2 Standard operating procedures and introduction to the use of Animal Based Indicators

Unit 3 Handling principles and Resource and Management – based measures at slaughterhouse

Unit 4 Stunning methods

Unit 5 Bleeding practices and killing for depopulation purposes

Final test

Customer satisfaction questionnaire

Duration

The estimated duration of this eLearning module is circa 7/9 hours.

Please note that the effective duration of the learning process is influenced by some different factors:

- the initial background in this field
- the study method
- the attention dedicated to more readings such as in depth contents, useful links, etc.

Participants

Eligible beneficiaries are the EU Member States' and Candidate Countries' National Authority staff, as well as Third Countries participants dealing with Animal Welfare issues.