



Animal Welfare: The main achievements of the last term **2010 - 2014**

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FAST FACTS



FVO (Food and Veterinary Office):
15 inspections per year = 250 days of on-site visits

In Europe, there are:



12 million sows



360 million laying hens



**330 million eggs consumed
and processed per day**



**10 million chickens
slaughtered per day**



**1 million sheep, horses, cows and pigs
slaughtered per day**



2010

First evaluation on animal welfare policies

First International Conference on AW and Education: Everyone is responsible

2011

First Report on impact of transport regulation

2012

New Strategy associated to Art. 13 of the Treaty

Ban on conventional cages for laying hens

Declaration of Brussels on ending the surgical castration of pigs

2013

Ban on individual sow stalls

Memorandum of understanding EU-Brazil

Report on poultry stunning methods

Full ban ends animal testing for cosmetics

2014

Conference on mid-term achievements of Strategy

First global animal welfare webinar

Study on the welfare of dogs and cats in commercial practices

Equivalency agreement with New Zealand and Canada

Key achievements 2010-2014



EU Animal Welfare Strategy: 2012-2015

- *Simplify the EU legal framework and enhance the enforcement of EU legislation by Member States;*
- *Use of animal-based AW indicators;*
- *European Network of Reference Centres;*
- *Inform the citizens;*
- *Competence requirements for personnel handling animals;*
- *Support international cooperation for implementation of AW standards.*



Directive 1999/74/EC: Laying hens

- Unenriched cages = **banned from 1 January 2012**
- **360 million laying hens with better quality of life**
- **Today EU production is in compliance and market driven to larger % of cage free hens**
- **+46,000 free-range hens in EU***



* data from 2013



Directive 2008/120/EC

Group housing for sows – 1 Jan 2013



Group housing of sows

12 million sows benefit from better quality of life

**Current
status**

16 MS fully comply

5 MS report full compliance, but no evidence

5 MS > 99% of holdings compliant

2 MS > 94% of holdings compliant

MS = Member States



Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 protection of animals during transport

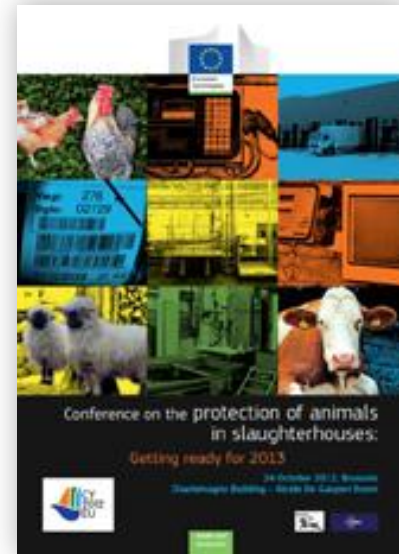
- *2011 Report from COM to EP and Council on the impact of Regulation*
- *Implementing rules for annual reports, enter into force 1 Jan 2015*
- *Biannual National Contact Point meetings – to assist MS implementation*
- *EP supported 1m EURO Pilot project on best practices for animal transport – project launched 2014*
- *Since 2013 Two Projects – renovating & promoting high quality Control Posts in the EU*



Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009

Killing of animals

- *Requirement for at least equivalency with EU rules for imports of meat from third countries*
- *2013 Report to the EP and Council on various stunning methods for poultry*
- *Report to EP and Council on system restraining bovine animals by inversion or any unnatural position (expected 2015)*
- *The animal welfare officer brochure:*
http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/information_sources/docs/ahw/brochure_24102012_en.pdf



Work to explore the welfare of horses and pet animals: a possible new approach to human/animal relations in the EU

- *May 2014 Expert Stakeholder Meeting on the welfare of horses*
- *July 2014 First Expert Steering group on Horse Welfare*
 - **identified major problems on the identification, keeping, transport and slaughter of horses in the EU.**
- *In response to the 2010 Council Conclusions and 2012 EP Resolution, the Commission launched a study into the **welfare of dogs & cats** in commercial practices, 2014*



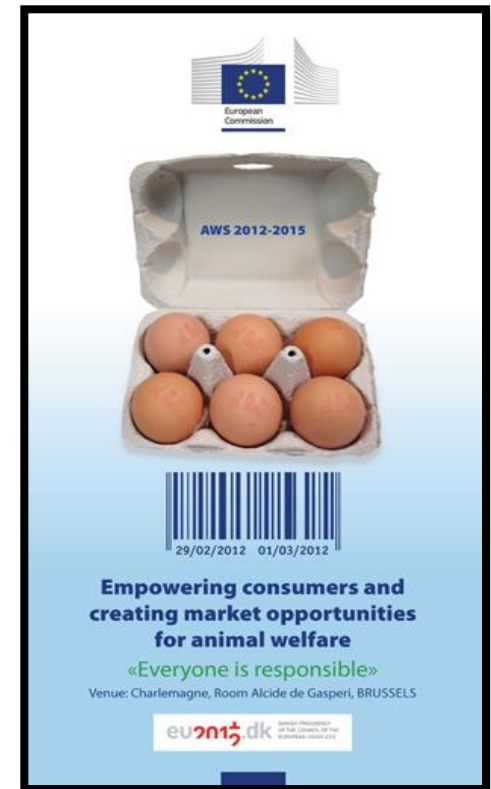
Cosmetics Directive 76/768/EEC

- *Ban on animal testing for cosmetic ingredients and marketing cosmetics containing ingredients tested on animals since 2009*
- *Full ban ends animal suffering in EU for cosmetics, March 2013*



Improving compliance 2010 -2014: combining audits and market driven initiatives

- *70 audits & study visits by the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO)*
- *Infringement procedures (laying hens, grouping of sows)*
- *The Retail Forum: Issues Paper on Animal Welfare, due Autumn 2014*



Training and Education

- *Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF)*
 - **+2000 vets trained on animal welfare in EU & third countries**
 - **E-learning modules on slaughter from 2014 (+270 so far)**
- *TAIEX*
 - **29 workshops held worldwide**
- *Newsletter & website plus web for kids*
 - **9 newsletters produced**
 - **In 2013, approx. 6000 visitors per month to Farmland**
- *Regional Veterinary Workshops with FVE*
 - **3 events in 2014 for up to 160 per event**



Ongoing Commission Studies on animal welfare

- 1. Study on information and education on animal welfare (expected end 2014)**
- 2. Study on information to consumers on the stunning of animals (expected end 2014)**
- 3. Study on the welfare of dogs and cats involved in commercial practices (launched 2014 – end 2015)**



Animal welfare policies exported

- *Bilateral cooperation via Free Trade Agreements or cooperation forums (research and education)*
(Chile, Brazil, NZ, Australia, etc.)
- *Multilateral cooperation with OIE and FAO*
- *Support neighbourhood policy and OIE regional policy in Europe to ensure application of AW standards from OIE*



Thank you for your attention!

ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/index_en.htm

