



**SCREENING CHAPTER 12
FOOD SAFETY, VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY POLICIES**

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I. LEGAL BASIS



- No specific legislation
- However, certain provisions in
 - Law on Animal Protection
 - MARA entitled to draft legislation on keeping, feeding, transportation and slaughtering of farm animals
 - Law no. 3285 on Animal Health Control as amended in 2004
 - MARA entitled to control animal welfare conditions in establishments
- Technical studies for comprehensive framework continue



II. FARM ANIMALS



Basic Legislation

- Law on Animal Protection
 - ✓ Owners responsibility
- Law on Animal Health Control
 - ✓ Permission and inspection competence of MARA
- Implementing Regulation on Animal Health Control
 - ✓ Ensuring the Animal Welfare and Safety
- Implementing Regulation on Working and Inspection Rules and Principles of Animal Holdings
 - Technical, health and hygienic conditions



- Responsibility of the owners as defined in Law on Animal Protection
 - animals' sheltering
 - ensuring their ethologic requirements
 - caring for their health
 - taking measures necessary for the health of human beings and animals and environmental protection

Penalties

- Law on Animal Protection
 - Fines
- Implementing Regulation on Animal Health Control
 - Warning of establishment to correct situation in 1 month
 - Prohibition of operation



III. TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS



Basic Legislation

- Circular No. 2006/11 on the Control of Animal Movements

- Work on adaptation of animal welfare principles is in progress
 - ✓ setting out the standards for transport vehicles
 - ✓ obligatory rules for transporter/driver/keeper
 - ✓ Increasing public awareness on animal welfare



Penalties

- Law on Animal Health Control
 - Fines
 - Prohibition of transport vehicles from traffic for a period of 3 months

IV. SLAUGHTERING OF ANIMALS



Basic Legislation;

- Law on Animal Health Control
 - ✓ Slaughtering places, inspection, certificate
- Implementing Regulation on Animal Health Control
 - ✓ Slaughtering, inspection
- Exemption is slaughtering for personnel consumption and religious slaughtering



Basic Legislation

- Implementing Regulation on Working and Inspection Rules and Principles of Establishments Producing Red Meat and Red Meat Products
 - ✓ Animal waiting places, loading-unloading, slaughtering

- Implementing Regulation on Working and Inspection Rules and Principles of Establishments Producing Poultry Meat and Poultry Meat Products
 - ✓ Animal waiting places, loading-unloading, slaughtering



Requirements for Red Meat Establishments

- Animal waiting places for slaughtering animals
- Loading ramps
- Transferring animals to slaughtering places without stress
- Slaughtering of animals by ensuring minimum pain.

Slaughtering of Poultry Meat

- Stunning is carried out by means of electrocution



Penalties

➤ Law on Animal Health Control

✓ Fines



Religious Slaughtering (I)

Basic Legislation

- Law on Animal Protection
 - ✓ Presidency of Religious Affairs entitled to draft relevant legislation
- Decision on the Provision of Sacrifice Services by the Presidency of Religious Affairs
- Implementing Regulation on the Provision of Sacrifice Services by the Presidency of Religious Affairs
- Circular No. 2005/75 on Animals for Sacrifice



Religious Slaughterings (II)

➤ Institutions involved

- ✓ Inter-ministerial Committee for Sacrifice Services,
- ✓ Commission for Sacrifice Services
- ✓ Local authorities
- ✓ MARA, control and inspection, at every stage of



Religious Slaughterings (III)

➤ In practice

- The slaughtering of animals is to be carried out by the competent staff in accordance with the religious rules
- Slaughtering the animals instantly, without frightening and with minimum pain
- Hygiene, health and safety of the animals ensured
- Transporting animals with appropriate vehicles
- No handling of animals unless their death is confirmed.



Penalties

➤ Law on Animal Protection

✓ Fines



V. KILLING ANIMALS

- Only Circular on Humane Killing of Animals (1507/2006)
- In the case of an outbreak, OIE “Guidelines For Humane Killing Of Animals For Disease Control Purposes” applied



VI. FUTURE STUDIES



- Drafting of a common framework legislation
- Introduction of specific legislation on requirements for farm animals, transport, slaughter/killing
- Raising public awareness on animal welfare
- Increasing the number of sales places of animals for sacrifice, and places of slaughter and equipping these places with adequate facilities.

Due to the slaughtering of a high number of animals in a short period, difficulties are foreseen to be encountered in the implementation of animal welfare rules

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