

Animal Welfare Protection at European level

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- Protocol of Amendment to the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes, 6/2/1992: <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/Treaties/Html/145.htm>

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- European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter, 10/5/1979: <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/Treaties/Html/102.htm>

- ***Transport***

- European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport (Revised), 6/11/2003: <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/Treaties/Html/193.htm>

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- European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and Other Scientific Purposes, 18/3/1986: <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/Treaties/Html/123.htm>

- Protocol of amendment to the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes, 22/6/1998: <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/Treaties/Html/170.htm>

- **European Union (EU)**

- *❖ General*

- Art. 13 of the Consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, JO C 115/47 of the 09.05.2008, <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/treaties/dat/11997D/htm/11997D.html#0110010013> :

"In formulating and implementing the Union's agriculture, fisheries, transport, internal market, research and technological development and space policies, the Union and the Member States shall, **since animals are sentient beings, pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals**, while respecting the legislative or administrative provisions and customs of the Member States relating in particular to religious rites, cultural traditions and regional heritage."

- *▪ Transport*

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97, 5.1.2005:

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- *▪ Slaughter*

- Council Directive 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998 concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes, 8.8.1998: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:31998L0058:EN:NOT>

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing, 18.11.2009: http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/slaughter/regulation_1099_2009_en.pdf

- *▪ Farming*

- Council Directive 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998 concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes, 8.8.1998:

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- Council Directive 1999/74/EC of 19 July 1999 laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens, 3.8.1999:

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- Council Directive 2008/119/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves (Codified version), 15.1.2009:

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- Council Directive 2007/43/EC of 28 June 2007 laying down minimum rules for the protection of chickens kept for meat production, 12.7.2007:

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- **Experimentation**

- Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes, 20.10.2010:

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- **Cosmetics**

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- ***Pets***

- Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals and amending Council Directive 92/65/EEC, 13.6.2003:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:2003R0998:20091019:EN:PDF>

- ***Fur***

- ***Leghold traps***

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3254/91 of 4 November 1991 prohibiting the use of leghold traps in the Community and the introduction into the Community of pelts and manufactured goods of certain wild animal species originating in countries which catch them by means of leghold traps or trapping methods which do not meet international humane trapping standards, 09.11.1991:

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- ***Seals***

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- ***Fisheries/Cetaceans***

- Council Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 of 26 April 2004 laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries and amending Regulation (EC) No 88/98, 24.5.2004:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/consleg/2004/R/02004R0812-20040701-en.pdf>