

Animal Welfare at slaughter and killing for disease control for poultry

Factsheet

Course learning objectives

The course will allow participants to improve their knowledge and practical skills on:

- ✓ Main references to the legislative requirements for poultry;
- ✓ Scientific basis for proper stunning and slaughter of poultry (basic animal behaviour and basic anatomy); main stunning and slaughter techniques applied in slaughterhouses with description of specific case studies (electrical waterbath, control atmosphere stunning);
- ✓ Development of standard operating procedures and monitoring of their application;
- ✓ Animal welfare indicators: practical examples in slaughterhouses and problem raised by the risk of electro-immobilisation in poultry and the use of high frequency currents.
- ✓ Main legislative requirements on animal welfare during killing for disease control purposes;
- ✓ Main killing techniques for poultry;
- ✓ Development of contingency plans and how they should be monitored and evaluated from a welfare point of view.

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Pre-test

General Welcome

Main references to the legislative requirements for poultry (at slaughter, during depopulation of poultry houses and killing for disease control purposes)

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Final test

BTSF participant Satisfaction Questionnaire

Duration

The estimated duration of this eLearning module is circa 6/7 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 National Authority staff dealing with Animal Welfare issues in EU Member States, as well as in Non-EU Countries.