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ANIMALS, WALES
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

The Welfare of Farmed Animals (Wales) Regulations 2001

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**THE WELFARE OF FARMED ANIMALS
(WALES) REGULATIONS 2001**

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SCHEDULE GENERAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FARMED

1 ANIMALS MUST BE KEPT

1. Staffing
2. Inspection

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3. Where animals are kept in a building adequate lighting (whether...
 4. Where any animals (other than poultry) are kept in a...
 5. Any animals which appear to be ill or injured —...
 6. (1) Where necessary, sick or injured animals shall be isolated...
 7. Record keeping
 8. The record referred to in paragraph 7 shall be retained...
 9. Freedom of movement
 10. Where animals are continuously or regularly tethered or confined, they...
 11. Buildings and accommodation
 12. Accommodation and fittings for securing animals shall be constructed and...
 13. Air circulation, dust levels, temperature, relative air humidity and gas...
 14. Animals kept in buildings shall not be kept in permanent...
 15. Where the natural light available in a building is insufficient...
 16. Animals kept in buildings shall not be kept without an...
 17. Animals not kept in buildings
 18. Automatic or mechanical equipment
 19. Where defects in automated or mechanical equipment of the type...
 20. Where the health and well-being of the animals is dependent...
 21. The back-up system referred to in paragraph 20(a) shall be...
 22. Feed, water and other substances
 23. No animals shall be provided with food or liquid in...
 24. All animals shall have access to feed at intervals appropriate...
 25. All animals shall either have access to a suitable water...
 26. Feeding and watering equipment shall be designed, constructed, placed and...
 27. No other substance, with the exception of those given for...
 28. Breeding procedures
 29. No animals shall be kept for farming purposes unless it...
 30. Electrical immobilisation
- SCHEDULE 2
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH LAYING HENS KEPT IN BATTERY CAGES MUST BE KEPT
1. All cages must comply with the following requirements —
 2. Battery cages shall be designed, constructed and maintained in such...
 3. The design and size of the cage opening must be...
 4. The cages must be suitably equipped and maintained to prevent...
 5. Except where therapeutic or prophylactic treatment demands otherwise, all laying...
 6. The laying hens shall be cared for by personnel with...
 7. The flock or group of laying hens shall be inspected...
 8. Accommodation comprising more than three tiers of cages shall not...
 9. (1) When laying hens do not appear to be in...
 10. (1) Every time all the cages housed together are emptied...
- SCHEDULE 3
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH POULTRY (OTHER THAN THOSE KEPT IN THE SYSTEMS REFERRED TO IN SCHEDULES 3A, 3B AND 3C) MUST BE KEPT
- SCHEDULE 3A
NON-CAGE SYSTEMS
1. All newly built or rebuilt non-cage systems of production for...

2. From 1st January 2007, all non-cage systems of production for...
 3. All systems must be equipped in such a way that...
 4. The floors of installations must be constructed so as to...
 5. In addition to the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 3—...
 6. Subject to paragraph 7, the stocking density must not exceed...
 7. Where on 3 August 1999 the establishment applied a system...
- SCHEDULE 3B
CONVENTIONAL CAGE SYSTEMS
1. From 1st January 2003 all unenhanced cage systems of rearing...
 2. Rearing laying hens in the cages referred to in this...
 3. No cages such as are referred to in this Schedule...
- SCHEDULE 3C
ENHANCED CAGE SYSTEMS
1. All cage systems for rearing laying hens shall comply with...
 2. All cage systems built or brought into service for the...
 3. Laying hens must have— (a) at least 750 cm²...
 4. A feed trough which may be used without restriction must...
 5. Each cage must have a drinking system appropriate to the...
 6. To facilitate inspection, installation and depopulation of hens there must...
 7. Cages must be fitted with suitable claw-shortening devices.
- SCHEDULE 3D
CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SYSTEMS
1. All hens must be inspected by the owner or the...
 2. The sound level shall be minimised. Constant or sudden noise...
 3. All buildings shall have light levels sufficient to allow all...
 4. Those parts of buildings, equipment or utensils which are in...
 5. Cages must be suitably equipped to prevent hens escaping.
 6. Accommodation comprising two or more tiers of cages must have...
 7. The design and dimensions of the cage door must be...
 8. Subject to paragraph 9, no person shall mutilate any laying...
 9. In order to prevent feather pecking and cannibalism, until 31...
- SCHEDULE 4
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO THE KEEPING OF CALVES CONFINED FOR REARING AND FATTENING
1. Accommodation
 2. Transitional provisions for accommodation
 3. Inspection
 4. Calves which are kept outside shall be inspected by the...
 5. Where necessary, sick or injured calves shall be isolated in...
 6. Tethering
 7. Artificially lit buildings
 8. Cleansing and disinfection
 9. Floors
 10. Bedding and lying area
 11. Bovine colostrum
 12. Additional dietary requirements
 13. Muzzling
 14. Feeding
 15. Drinking water
- SCHEDULE 5
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO THE KEEPING OF CATTLE
1. Where any lactating dairy cows or any cows which are...

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2. Where any cows which are calving are kept in a...
- SCHEDULE 6 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO THE KEEPING OF PIGS
- PART I — INTERPRETATION
1. In this Schedule — “boar” (“baedd”) means a...
- PART II — GENERAL ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS
2. Inspection
3. Where necessary, sick or injured pigs shall be temporarily isolated...
4. Tethering
5. (1) Where the use of tethers is permitted in accordance...
6. Accommodation
7. (1) The dimension of any stall or pen used for...
8. Artificially lit buildings
9. Prevention of fighting
10. Cleaning and disinfection
11. Bedding
12. Floors
13. When concrete slatted floors are used for pigs kept in...
14. Feeding
15. Drinking water
16. Environmental enrichment
17. Prohibition on the use of the sweat-box system
18. Noise levels
19. Interventions
20. The procedures set out in paragraphs 21-26 of this Schedule...
21. The following procedures shall not be carried out routinely but...
22. Male pigs may be castrated provided the means employed do...
23. (1) If docking of tails is carried out after the...
24. Boars' tusks may be reduced in length where necessary to...
25. Nose rings may be not be put in animals kept...
26. Ear tagging or ear notching may be carried out for...
- PART III — BOARS
27. Boar pens shall be sited and constructed so as to...
28. The lying area shall be dry and comfortable.
29. (1) The minimum unobstructed floor area for an adult boar...
- PART IV — SOWS AND GILTS
30. Pregnant gilts shall, where necessary, be treated against external and...
31. Farrowing
32. In the week before the expected farrowing time sows and...
33. During farrowing, an unobstructed area behind the sow or gilt...
34. Farrowing pens where sows are kept loose must have some...
35. In the week before the expected farrowing time and during...
36. Group housing
37. The pen where the group is kept must have sides...
38. The total unobstructed floor area available to each gilt after...
39. For gilts after service and pregnant sows a part of...
40. Sows and gilts kept on holdings of fewer than 10...
41. In addition to the requirements of paragraph 14 of Part...
42. All dry pregnant sows and gilts must be given a...
- PART V — PIGLETS
43. If necessary, piglets shall be provided with a source of...
44. A part of the total floor where the piglets are...

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45. Where a farrowing crate is used, the piglets must have...
46. Piglets shall not be weaned from the sow at an...
47. Piglets may be weaned up to seven days earlier than...

PART VI — WEANERS AND REARING PIGS

48. Pigs shall be placed in groups as soon as possible...
49. If pigs unfamiliar with one another have to be mixed,...
50. The use of tranquillising medication in order to facilitate mixing...
51. When signs of severe fighting appear, the causes shall be...
52. The unobstructed floor area available to each weaner or rearing...

SCHEDULE

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO THE
KEEPING OF RABBITS**

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1. Any hutches or cages in which any rabbits are kept...
2. Where any rabbits are kept in any accommodation which is...
Explanatory Note

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