

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

CHAPTER IV

Final provisions

Article 13

1 Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions, including any penalties, necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 1 January 2002. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

2 The Member States may, while respecting the general rules laid down in the Treaty, maintain or apply within their territories provisions for the protection of laying hens which are more stringent than those envisaged by this Directive. They shall inform the Commission of any measure taken to that end.

3 Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.