

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

Article 1

1 This Directive lays down minimum standards for the protection of animals bred or kept for farming purposes.

2 It shall not apply to:

- a animals living in the wild;
- b animals intended for use in competitions, shows, cultural or sporting events or activities;
- c experimental or laboratory animals;
- d any invertebrate animal.

3 This Directive shall apply without prejudice to specific Community rules laid down elsewhere, and in particular to Directives 88/166/EEC⁽¹⁾, 91/629/EEC⁽²⁾ and 91/630/EEC⁽³⁾, which shall continue to apply.

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- (1) Council Directive 88/166/EEC of 7 March 1998 complying with the judgment of the Court of Justice in Case 131-86, (annulment of Council Directive 86/113/EEC of 25 March 1986 laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens kept in battery cages) ([OJ L 74 19.3.1988](#), p. 83).
- (2) Council Directive 91/629/EEC of 19 November 1991 laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves ([OJ L 340, 11.12.1991](#), p. 28). Directive as last amended by Directive 97/2/EC ([OJ L 25, 28.1.1997](#), p. 24).
- (3) Council Directive 91/630/EEC of 19 November 1991 laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs ([OJ L 340, 11.12.1991](#), p. 33).