

Council Directive 2007/43/EC of 28 June 2007 laying down minimum rules for the protection of chickens kept for meat production (Text with EEA relevance)

Article 4

Training and guidance for persons dealing with chickens

1 Member States shall ensure that keepers who are natural persons have received sufficient training in their tasks and that appropriate training courses are available.

2 The training courses referred to in paragraph 1 shall focus on welfare aspects and cover in particular the matters listed in Annex IV.

3 Member States shall ensure that a system is established for the control and approval of training courses. The keeper of the chickens shall hold a certificate which is recognised by the competent authority of the Member State concerned, attesting to the completion of such a training course or to having acquired experience equivalent to such training.

4 Member States may recognise experience acquired before 30 June 2010 as being equivalent to participation in such training courses and shall issue certificates attesting to such equivalence.

5 Member States may provide that the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 to 4 shall also apply to owners.

6 The owner or keeper shall provide instructions and guidance on the relevant animal welfare requirements, including those concerning the methods of culling practised in holdings, to persons employed or engaged by them to attend to chickens or to catch and load them.