

Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER I

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 3*

**Definitions**

For the purposes of this Directive the following definitions shall apply:

1. 'procedure' means any use, invasive or non-invasive, of an animal for experimental or other scientific purposes, with known or unknown outcome, or educational purposes, which may cause the animal a level of pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm equivalent to, or higher than, that caused by the introduction of a needle in accordance with good veterinary practice.  
  
This includes any course of action intended, or liable, to result in the birth or hatching of an animal or the creation and maintenance of a genetically modified animal line in any such condition, but excludes the killing of animals solely for the use of their organs or tissues;
2. 'project' means a programme of work having a defined scientific objective and involving one or more procedures;
3. 'establishment' means any installation, building, group of buildings or other premises and may include a place that is not wholly enclosed or covered and mobile facilities;
4. 'breeder' means any natural or legal person breeding animals referred to in Annex I with a view to their use in procedures or for the use of their tissue or organs for scientific purposes, or breeding other animals primarily for those purposes, whether for profit or not;
5. 'supplier' means any natural or legal person, other than a breeder, supplying animals with a view to their use in procedures or for the use of their tissue or organs for scientific purposes, whether for profit or not;
6. 'user' means any natural or legal person using animals in procedures, whether for profit or not;
7. 'competent authority' means an authority or authorities or bodies designated by a Member State to carry out the obligations arising from this Directive.