

---

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

---

**2000 No. 1870**

**ANIMALS, ENGLAND**  
**PREVENTION OF CRUELTY, ENGLAND**

**The Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000**

*Made - - - - 18th July 2000*

*Coming into force 14th August 2000*

**THE WELFARE OF FARMED ANIMALS  
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2000**

1. Title, commencement and extent
  2. Interpretation and application
  3. Duties on owners and keepers of animals
  4. Additional duties on owners and keepers of laying hens kept in battery cages
  5. Additional duties on owners and keepers of poultry (other than laying hens kept in battery cages)
  6. Additional duties on owners and keepers of calves confined for rearing and fattening
  7. Additional duties on owners and keepers of cattle
  8. Additional duties on owners and keepers of pigs
  9. Additional duties on owners and keepers of rabbits
  10. Statutory welfare codes
  11. Powers of an authorised person
  12. Powers of entry
  13. Offences
  14. Revocations
- Signature

---

**SCHEDULE 1 — GENERAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FARMED ANIMALS  
MUST BE KEPT**

1. Staffing
2. Inspection
3. Where animals are kept in a building adequate lighting (whether...
4. Where any animals (other than poultry) are kept in a...

**Changes to legislation:** There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

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 LAYING HENS KEPT IN BATTERY CAGES) MUST BE KEPT**

Where any poultry (other than laying hens kept in battery...

**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. Cleaning 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...
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” means a male pig after puberty,...

PART II — GENERAL ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

2. Inspection
3. Where necessary, sick or injured pigs shall be isolated in...
4. Tethering
5. (1) Where the use of tethers is permitted in accordance...
6. Accommodation
7. (1) The dimension of any stall or pen shall be...
8. Artificially lit buildings
9. Prevention of fighting
10. Cleaning and disinfection
11. Lying area
12. Floors
13. Feeding
14. Drinking water
15. Environmental enrichment
16. Prohibition on the use of the sweat-box system
17. Boar pens shall be sited and constructed so as to...
18. The lying area shall be dry and comfortable.
19. The minimum pen size for an adult boar shall be...
20. Gilts and sows between weaning their piglets and the perinatal...
21. If they are placed in farrowing crates, pregnant sows and...
22. Gilts and sows between weaning their piglets and the perinatal...
23. During farrowing, an unobstructed area behind the sow or gilt...
24. Farrowing pens where sows are kept loose must have some...

PART III — BOARS

25. If necessary, piglets shall be provided with a source of...
26. Where a farrowing crate is used, the piglets shall have...
27. Neither tail docking nor tooth clipping shall be carried out...
28. Where tooth clipping appears necessary, this shall only be carried...

PART IV — SOWS AND GILTS

PART V — PIGLETS

**Changes to legislation:** There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) [View outstanding changes](#)

29. Piglets shall not be weaned from the sow at an...  
PART VI — WEANERS AND REARING PIGS
30. Pigs shall be placed in groups as soon as possible...
31. The unobstructed floor area available to each weaner or rearing...

SCHEDULE 7 — ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO THE KEEPING  
OF RABBITS

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

Explanatory Note

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Sch. 1 para. 2(3)(a) substituted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 7(b)(i) substituted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 revoked by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 substituted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(7\)](#)
- sch 6 rev in pt by [S.I. 2007/1101 reg 2 schedule](#)
- Sch 6 subst (subject to transtl provn(s)) by [S.I. 2003/299 regs 23\(1\)\(4\)](#)
- reg 2 am by [S.I. 2003/299 reg 3\(1\)\(2\)](#)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 2(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 4 revoked by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(3\)](#)
- reg. 5 substituted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(4\)](#)
- reg. 12(a) substituted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(9\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 3A inserted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(8\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 3B inserted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(8\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 3C inserted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(8\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 3D inserted by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(8\)Sch.](#)
- sch 3D rev in pt by [S.I. 2007/1101 reg 2 schedule](#)
- reg. 5A added by [S.I. 2002/1646 reg. 2\(5\)](#)
- reg 8A added by [S.I. 2003/299 reg 3\(1\)\(3\)](#)