
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 2078

The Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007

Definitions and interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“calf” means a bovine animal up to six months old;

[^{F1}“conventionally reared meat chicken” means an animal of the species *Gallus gallus* that is kept for meat production, other than one—

- (a) that is on a holding with fewer than 500 such animals or with only breeding stocks of such animals;
- (b) that is on a hatchery;
- (c) in relation to which the term “Extensive indoor (barn-reared)”, “Free range”, “Traditional free range” or “Free range – total freedom” can be used within the meaning of point (b), (c), (d) or (e) of Annex V to [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 543/2008](#) laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards the marketing standards for poultrymeat; or
- (d) that is organically reared in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91;]

[^{F1}“food business operator” has the meaning given by Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety;]

“laying hen” means a hen of the species *Gallus gallus* which has reached laying maturity and is kept for the production of eggs not intended for hatching;

“litter” means, in relation to laying hens [^{F2}and conventionally reared meat chickens], any friable material [^{F2}enabling those birds] to satisfy their ethological needs;

“nest” means a separate space for egg laying, the floor component of which may not include wire mesh that can come into contact with the birds, for an individual hen or for a group of hens;

“person responsible” for an animal has the same meaning as in section 3 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006;

“pig” means an animal of the porcine species of any age, kept for breeding or fattening;

[^{F3}“stocking density” means, in relation to any house in which conventionally reared meat chickens are kept, the total live weight of chickens which are present in the house at the same time per m² of usable area;]

“usable area” means [^{F4}, in relation to laying hens,] an area, other than that taken up by a nest, used by laying hens which is at least 30cm wide with a floor slope not exceeding 14% and with headroom of at least 45cm [^{F5}, or, in relation to conventionally reared meat chickens, a littered area accessible to the chickens at any time].

(2) Expressions used in these Regulations that are not defined in these Regulations and are used in the following Directives, have the meaning they bear in those Directives—

- (a) in relation to pigs, [^{F6}Directive 2008/120/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs];
- [^{F7}(aa) in relation to conventionally reared meat chickens, Council Directive 2007/43/EC laying down minimum rules for the protection of chickens kept for meat production.]
- (b) in relation to laying hens, Directive 99/74/EC(1); ^{F8} ...
- (c) in relation to calves, [^{F9}Directive 2008/119/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves].

(3) An expression used in regulation 4 or Schedule 1, which is not defined in these Regulations and which appears in Directive 98/58/EC(2), has the same meaning as it has for the purposes of that Directive.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (23.12.2010) by [The Welfare of Farmed Animals \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/3033\)](#), regs. 1, **3(1)(a)**
- F2** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (23.12.2010) by [The Welfare of Farmed Animals \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/3033\)](#), regs. 1, **3(1)(b)**
- F3** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (23.12.2010) by [The Welfare of Farmed Animals \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/3033\)](#), regs. 1, **3(1)(c)**
- F4** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (23.12.2010) by [The Welfare of Farmed Animals \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/3033\)](#), regs. 1, **3(1)(d)(i)**
- F5** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (23.12.2010) by [The Welfare of Farmed Animals \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/3033\)](#), regs. 1, **3(1)(d)(ii)**
- F6** Words in reg. 2(2)(a) substituted (1.6.2018) by [The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/575\)](#), regs. 1(2), **40(a)**
- F7** Reg. 2(2)(aa) inserted (23.12.2010) by [The Welfare of Farmed Animals \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/3033\)](#), regs. 1, **3(2)**
- F8** Word in reg. 2(2) omitted (1.6.2018) by virtue of [The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/575\)](#), regs. 1(2), **40(b)**
- F9** Words in reg. 2(2)(c) substituted (1.6.2018) by [The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/575\)](#), regs. 1(2), **40(c)**

(1) OJ No L203, 3.8.99, p 53

(2) OJ No L221, 8.8.98, p 23

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007, Section 2.