



Animal Welfare at slaughter and killing for disease control for poultry Fact Sheet

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course will allow participants to improve their knowledge and practical skills on:

- Main references to the legislative requirements for poultry.
- Scientific basis for proper stunning and slaughter of poultry (basic animal behaviour and basic anatomy); main stunning and slaughter techniques applied in slaughterhouses with description of specific case studies (electrical water bath, control atmosphere stunning).
- Development of standard operating procedures and monitoring of their application.
- Animal welfare indicators: practical examples in slaughterhouses and problem raised by the risk of electro-immobilisation in poultry and the use of high frequency currents.
- Main legislative requirements on animal welfare during killing for disease control purposes.
- Main killing techniques for poultry.
- Development of contingency plans and how they should be monitored and evaluated from a welfare point of view.

CONTENT INDEX

- Pre-test
- Welcome
- Unit 1. Main references to the legislative requirements for poultry (at slaughter, during depopulation of poultry houses and killing for disease control purposes).
- Unit 2. Scientific basis for proper stunning and slaughter of poultry (basic animal behaviour and basic anatomy); main stunning and slaughter techniques applied in slaughterhouses with description of specific case studies (water bath, control atmosphere stunning).
- Unit 3. Development of standard operating procedures and monitoring of their application.
- Unit 4. Animal welfare indicators: practical examples in slaughterhouses and problem raised by the risk of electro-immobilisation in poultry and the use of high frequency currents.
- Unit 5. Main killing techniques for poultry.
- Unit 6. Development of contingency plans and how they should be monitored and evaluated from a welfare point of view.
- Post-test.
- BTSF participant Satisfaction Questionnaire.

Duration

Total estimated duration of this e-Learning module is around 6/7 hours.

Please note that the effective duration of the learning process is influenced by some different factors:

- The initial background in this field
- The study method
- The attention dedicated to more readings such as in depth contents, useful links, etc.

Participants

Eligible beneficiaries are the EU Member States' and Candidate Countries' National Authority staff, as well as Third Countries participants dealing with Animal Welfare issues.