



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

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Relevant EU legislation (mainly focusing on Regulation (EC) N.1099/2009).
- Scientific basis for optimum pre-slaughter handling, stunning, slaughter and culling of animals (basic animal behaviour/physiology and basic anatomy).
- Animal lairage, housing, handling and assessment of keeping facilities.
- Main stunning and killing techniques at slaughterhouses in Europe and in the context of killing for depopulation purposes.
- Animal welfare indicators (mainly from Welfare Quality® Protocols).
- Killing of animals in the context of animal disease epidemics.

The scientific contents are mainly focused on the following animal species: cattle, pigs, small ruminants and broiler chickens.

## CONTENT INDEX

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- Welcome
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- Post-test
- BTSF participant Satisfaction Questionnaire

## Duration

**Total estimated duration of this e-Learning module is around 8/9 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.