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ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 1992

ANIMAL WELFARE REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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The object of this regulation is to impose minimum cage size requirements for the keeping of fowls for egg production.

The minimum size for a cage is determined according to the number of fowls in the cage. For cages containing 1 fowl the minimum floor area is 1000 square centimetres. For cages containing 2 fowls the minimum floor area is 1350 square centimetres. For cages containing 3 or more fowls the minimum floor area is 450 square centimetres per fowl where the average weight of the fowls is 2.4 kilograms or less, or 600 square centimetres per fowl where the average weight of the average weight of fowls is more than 2.4 kilograms.

Contravention of the minimum cage size requirements will be an offence with a maximum penalty of 10 penalty units for a natural person or 50 penalty units for a body corporate.

These regulations are made under section 112 of the Animal Welfare Act 1992.