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About this republication

The republished law

This is a republication of the *Animal Welfare Regulation 2001*, made under the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* (including any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes)) as in force on 24 November 2005. It also includes any amendment, repeal or expiry affecting the republished law to 24 November 2005.

The legislation history and amendment history of the republished law are set out in endnotes 3 and 4.

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Modifications

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Penalties

The value of a penalty unit for an offence against this republished law at the republication date is—

- (a) if the person charged is an individual—\$100; or
- (b) if the person charged is a corporation—\$500.



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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Animal Welfare Regulation 2001*.

3 Meaning of code

In this regulation:

code means the *Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes*, 6th Edition, 1997 published by the National Health and Medical Research Council, amended by omitting from the first line of paragraph 2.2.1 (iii) on page 10 ‘approve, subject’ and substituting ‘approve, approve subject’.

4 Notes

A note included in this regulation is explanatory and is not part of this regulation.

Note See the Legislation Act, s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

4A Offences against regulation—application of Criminal Code etc

Other legislation applies in relation to offences against this regulation.

Note 1 Criminal Code

The Criminal Code, ch 2 applies to all offences against this regulation (see Code, pt 2.1).

The chapter sets out the general principles of criminal responsibility (including burdens of proof and general defences), and defines terms used for offences to which the Code applies (eg *conduct*, *intention*, *recklessness* and *strict liability*).

Note 2 Penalty units

The Legislation Act, s 133 deals with the meaning of offence penalties that are expressed in penalty units.

5 Prescribed electrical devices and animals for Act, s 13 (2)

The Act, section 13 (1) does not apply to the use by a person of an electrical device mentioned in an item of schedule 1 on an animal mentioned in the same item of that schedule.

Note The Act, s 13 (1) prohibits the administration of a shock to an animal, except in a manner authorised under a Territory law.

6 Prescribed animals for Act, s 25 (2) (c)

The Act, section 25 does not apply to a person who uses an animal mentioned in schedule 2 for teaching purposes in a preschool or primary school.

Note The Act, s 25 (1) prohibits the use or breeding of an animal for research or teaching.

7 Ethics committees—Act, s 50 and dict

- (1) An animal ethics committee established in accordance with the code is an ethics committee for the Act.
- (2) The constitution and functions of an ethics committee are the constitution and functions set out in the code.

8 Caging egg-producing domestic fowls

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
 - (a) the person keeps a domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) for producing eggs; and
 - (b) the cage in which the fowl is kept does not have enough floor space.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

- (3) For subsection (1), a cage has enough floor space if it provides at least 550cm² of floor space for each fowl in the cage.
- (4) In calculating floor space for subsection (3), any space occupied by a baffle is taken to be floor space.
- (5) For subsection (1), a cage that is in use immediately before the commencement of this section has enough floor space if it complies with the *Animal Welfare Regulations 1993*, section 31A, as in force immediately before that commencement.

Note The *Animal Welfare Regulations 1993*, s 31A, as far as relevant, provided as follows:

- (2) The floor space of a cage shall be taken to be adequate if it is not less than—
 - (a) in the case of a cage in which 1 fowl is confined—1000 cm²;
 - (b) in the case of a cage in which 2 fowls are confined—1350 cm²; or
 - (c) in any other case—
 - (i) if the average weight of the fowls in the cage is 2.4 kg or less—450 cm² per confined fowl; or
 - (ii) if the average weight of the fowls in the cage is greater than 2.4 kg—600 cm² per confined fowl.
- (6) Subsection (5) and this subsection expire on 1 January 2008.

Schedule 1 Permitted uses of electrical devices on animals

(see s 5)

column 1 item	column 2 permitted electrical device	column 3 permitted species of animal
1	electro-ejaculator	cattle and sheep
2	electric stock prod	cattle and pigs
3	electric fence	animals other than poultry or domestic animals
4	electric 'fightback' lure	dogs

Schedule 2 **Animals permitted to be used for teaching in certain schools**

(see s 6)

Part 2.1 **Amphibians**

column 1 item	column 2 animal
1	axolotl
2	frog

Part 2.2 **Birds**

column 1 item	column 2 animal
3	budgerigar
4	chicken
5	cockatiel
6	finch
7	pigeon
8	quail

Part 2.3 **Fish**

column 1 item	column 2 animal
9	goldfish
10	guppy
11	platy
12	silver perch
13	sword tail

Part 2.4 **Mammals**

column 1 item	column 2 animal
14	guinea pig
15	mouse
16	rabbit
17	rat

Endnotes

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Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws and expiries are listed in the legislation history and the amendment history. These details are underlined. Uncommenced provisions and amendments are not included in the republished law but are set out in the last endnote.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

2 Abbreviation key

am = amended	ord = ordinance
amdt = amendment	orig = original
ch = chapter	par = paragraph/subparagraph
def = definition	pres = present
dict = dictionary	prev = previous
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	(prev...) = previously
div = division	pt = part
exp = expires/expired	r = rule/subrule
Gaz = gazette	renum = renumbered
hdg = heading	reloc = relocated
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	R[X] = Republication No
ins = inserted/added	RI = reissue
LA = Legislation Act 2001	s = section/subsection
LR = legislation register	sch = schedule
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sdiv = subdivision
mod = modified/modification	sub = substituted
o = order	SL = Subordinate Law
om = omitted/repealed	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

3 Legislation history

This regulation was originally the *Animal Welfare Regulations 2001*. It was renamed under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

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notified 2 August 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 31)
commenced 2 August 2001 (s 2)

as amended by

Statute Law Amendment Act 2002 A2002-30 pt 3.3

notified LR 16 September 2002
s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 19 May 1997 (LA s 75 (2))
pt 3.3 commenced 17 September 2002 (s 2 (1))

Statute Law Amendment Act 2003 A2003-41 sch 3 pt 3.1

notified LR 11 September 2003
s 1, s 2 commenced 11 September 2003 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 3 pt 3.1 commenced 9 October 2003 (s 2 (1))

Criminal Code Harmonisation Act 2005 A2005-54 sch 1 pt 1.5

notified LR 27 October 2005
s 1, s 2 commenced 27 October 2005 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.5 commenced 24 November 2005 (s 2)

4 Amendment history

Name of regulation

s 1 am R4 LA

Commencement

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

Offences against regulation—application of Criminal Code etc

s 4A ins A2005-54 amdt 1.32

Caging egg-producing domestic fowls

s 8 am A2002-30 amdt 3.32; A2003-41 amdt 3.1; A2005-54
amdt 1.33; ss renum A2005-54 amdt 1.34
(5), (6) exp 1 January 2008 (s 8 (6))

Repeal of Animal Welfare Regulation

s 9 om LA s 89 (3)

Endnotes

5 Earlier republications

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Some earlier republications were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

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Republication No	Amendments to	Republication date
1	not amended	12 September 2001
2	A2002-30	24 September 2002
3	A2003-41	9 October 2003
4	A2003-41	1 November 2004

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