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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 7 March 2014. It also includes any commencement, amendment, repeal or expiry affecting this republished law to 7 March 2014.

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Penalties

At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$140 for an individual and \$700 for a corporation (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 133).



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Part 1 Preliminary

Section 1

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the Animal Welfare Regulation 2001.

2 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this regulation is part of this regulation.

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this regulation defines certain terms used in this regulation, and includes references (*signpost definitions*) to other terms defined elsewhere in this regulation.
 For example, the signpost definition '*fowl*, for part 6 (Commercial egg

production)—see section 8' means that the term 'fowl' is defined in that section for part 6.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary (including a signpost definition) applies to the entire regulation unless the definition, or another provision of the regulation, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see Legislation Act, s 155 and s 156 (1)).

3 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.

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4 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.

Part 2 Animal welfare offences

Section 5

Part 2 Animal welfare offences

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Prescribed electrical devices and animals—Act, s 13

The Act, section 13 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.

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

Part 3 Research, teaching and breeding

6 Prescribed animals—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.

6A Licence conditions—Act, s 28

A licence is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that the licensee must, in accordance with the Act, establish and maintain—
 - (i) an animal ethics committee; or
 - (ii) appropriate arrangements with an existing animal ethics committee for that committee to exercise the functions of an animal ethics committee in relation to the licensee's activities;
- (b) that, if the authority asks the licensee for information or a document under the Act, section 31 (Licensees—request for information and documents), the licensee must give the information or document to the authority;
- (c) that the licensee must comply with any direction of the animal ethics committee issued under the Act.
- *Note* A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).

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

Section 6B

6B Authorisation conditions—Act, s 39

An authorisation is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that, if the animal ethics committee asks the authorisation holder for information or a document under the Act, section 43 (Authorisation holders—request for information and documents), the person must give the information or document to the committee;
- (b) that the authorisation holder must comply with any direction of the animal ethics committee issued under the Act.
- *Note* A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).

7 Animal ethics committees—Act, s 50 and dict

- (1) An animal ethics committee established in accordance with the code is an animal ethics committee for the Act.
 - *Note* **Code** is defined in the dictionary.
- (2) The constitution and functions of an animal ethics committee are the constitution and functions set out in the code.
- (3) An animal ethics committee for a licence must report annually to the authority about the following in relation to the animals that the committee has approved for use or breeding by the licensee:
 - (a) how many animals were used or bred;
 - (b) the species of the animals.
 - *Note* If a form is approved under the Act, s 110A for the report, the form must be used.
- (4) A report under subsection (3) must be given to the authority within 4 months after each 30 June.

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Part 4 Circuses and travelling zoos

7A Circus permit condition—Act, s 56

A circus permit is subject to the condition that the circus permit-holder must not include in the circus troupe a prohibited animal, whether or not for the purpose of using the animal in the circus.

7B Travelling zoo permit condition—Act, s 56

A travelling zoo permit is subject to the condition that the travelling zoo permit-holder must not include as part of the travelling zoo a prohibited animal, whether or not for the purpose of using the animal in the travelling zoo.

Part 5 Animal trapping

Section 7C

Part 5 Animal trapping

7C Prohibited traps—Act, s 60

- (1) The following are prohibited traps:
 - (a) glue trap;
 - (b) metal-toothed rodent trap.
- (2) In this section:

glue trap means a trap (however described) that contains glue, or another viscid substance, that is non-drying.

metal-toothed rodent trap means a trap (however described) that has a spring-loaded metal arm and metal-toothed edge around the trap's base.

7D Trapping permit condition—Act, s 65

A trapping permit is subject to the condition that, if the authority asks the trapping permit-holder for information or a document under the Act, section 68 (Trapping permit-holders—request for information and documents), the permit-holder must give the information or document to the authority.

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Part 6 **Commercial egg production**

Division 6.1 Preliminary

Definitions—pt 6

In this part:

adequate food, for a laying fowl, means food that-

- (a) contains enough nutrients for the good health and vitality of the fowl; and
- (b) is of sufficient quantity to meet the physiological needs of the fowl: and
- (c) is not harmful to the fowl.

adequate water, for a laying fowl, means water that-

- (a) is at a temperature and of a quality that the fowl will drink; and
- (b) is of sufficient quantity and quality to meet the physiological needs of the fowl; and
- (c) is not harmful to the fowl.

cup drinker means a cup that—

- (a) is attached to a water line; and
- (b) has a lever or other device in it; and
- (c) is filled with water if pressure is applied to the lever or device.

drinker means a nipple drinker or a cup drinker, but does not include a splash cup located under a nipple drinker.

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feeder means the container or equipment from which a laying fowl eats and includes—

- (a) a food trough; and
- (b) a conveyor line or belt carrying food to the fowl.

fowl means a domesticated chicken (Gallus gallus).

layer pullet means a female fowl less than 16 weeks old.

laying fowl means a fowl, other than a layer pullet, which is bred, kept or used for commercial egg production.

nipple drinker means a nipple that is attached to a water line.

shed means a structure of any kind that has a roof and walls and is used to keep laying fowl.

9 Meaning of *keeps a laying fowl*—pt 6

For this part, a person keeps a laying fowl if the person—

- (a) owns a facility used for commercial egg production; and
- (b) has a laying fowl at the facility.

Division 6.3 General food and water requirements

18 Offences—failure to provide adequate food and water

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) keeps a laying fowl; and
 - (b) fails to provide adequate food for the fowl at least once every 24 hours.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) keeps a laying fowl; and

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(b) fails to provide adequate water for the fowl at least once every 24 hours.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

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

Division 6.4 Inspection requirements

20 Offence—failure to carry out inspection

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) keeps a laying fowl; and
 - (b) fails to inspect, or fails to arrange for another person to inspect, the following at least once every 24 hours:
 - (i) the fowl;
 - (ii) a water trough, drinker or feeder provided for the fowl;
 - (iii) if the fowl is kept in a shed—an electronic or mechanical system controlling light, humidity, temperature or ventilation in the shed.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

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

21 Offence—unsatisfactory inspection

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
 - (a) the person keeps a laying fowl; and
 - (b) the person carried out, or arranged for another person to carry out, an inspection mentioned in section 20 (1) (b); and
 - (c) the inspection did not cover 1 or more of the following:
 - (i) for an inspection of a fowl—assessing the fowl's health and checking for any injury;

- (ii) for an inspection of a water trough—checking whether there is water in the trough;
- (iii) for an inspection of a drinker, or an electronic or mechanical drinking system—checking the operation of the drinker or system;
- (iv) for an inspection of a feeder—checking—
 - (A) whether there is food in or on the feeder; and
 - (B) if there is food in or on the feeder—whether the food is contaminated; and
 - (C) if the feeder is electronically or mechanically operated—the operation of the feeder.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

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

22 Offence—failure to act after inspection in relation to injured or sick fowl

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) keeps a laying fowl; and
 - (b) carries out, or arranges for another person to carry out, an inspection mentioned in section 20 (1) (b) (i); and
 - (c) fails, or fails to arrange for another person, after the inspection is carried out, to immediately destroy the fowl, or arrange for it to be treated, if it is injured or sick.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

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

23 Offence—failure to act after inspection in relation to water etc

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) keeps a laying fowl; and
 - (b) carries out, or arranges for another person to carry out, an inspection mentioned in section 20 (1) (b) (ii) or (iii); and
 - (c) fails, or fails to arrange for another person, to do any of the following after the inspection is carried out:
 - (i) if a water trough provided for the fowl has little or no water in the trough—provide the fowl with adequate water;
 - (ii) if a drinker or an electronic or mechanical drinking system provided for the fowl is not operating correctly take reasonable steps to correct the operation of the drinker or system, and provide the fowl with adequate water;
 - (iii) if a feeder provided for the fowl has little or no food in or on the feeder—provide the fowl with adequate food;
 - (iv) if the food in or on a feeder is contaminated—replace the contaminated food with food that is not contaminated, and take reasonable steps to prevent future contamination of food provided by the feeder;
 - (v) if an electronically or mechanically operated feeder is not operating correctly—take reasonable steps to correct the operation of the feeder.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

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

24 Offence—failure to keep inspection records

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) keeps a laying fowl; and
 - (b) fails to keep a record—
 - (i) of each inspection of the matters mentioned in section 21 (1) (c); and
 - (ii) of the actions mentioned in section 22 (1) (c) and section 23 (1) (c); and
 - (iii) for at least 1 year after the record is made.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

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

Division 6.5 Management practices

25 Offence—blinkers etc

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) keeps a laying fowl; and
 - (b) applies, or allows another person to apply, blinkers or any other vision impairing equipment to the fowl.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

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

Schedule 1

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

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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

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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

Dictionary

(see s 2)

- *Note 1* The Legislation Act contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this regulation.
- *Note 2* For example, the Legislation Act, dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:
 - maximum penalty
 - person (see s 160).
- *Note 3* Terms used in this regulation have the same meaning that they have in the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* (see Legislation Act, s 148). For example, the following terms are defined in the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*, dict:
 - animal
 - animal ethics committee
 - authority.

adequate food, for a laying fowl, for part 6 (Commercial egg production)—see section 8.

adequate water, for a laying fowl, for part 6 (Commercial egg production)—see section 8.

code means the *Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes*, 7th Edition, 2004 published by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

cup drinker, for part 6 (Commercial egg production)—see section 8.

drinker, for part 6 (Commercial egg production)—see section 8.

feeder, for part 6 (Commercial egg production)—see section 8.

fowl, for part 6 (Commercial egg production)—see section 8.

keeps a laying fowl, for part 6—see section 9.

layer pullet, for part 6 (Commercial egg production)—see section 8.

laying fowl, for part 6 (Commercial egg production)—see section 8.

nipple drinker, for part 6 (Commercial egg production)—see section 8.

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shed, for part 6 (Commercial egg production)—see section 8.

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Endnotes

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About the endnotes

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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 are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

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

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3 Legislation history

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

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as amended by

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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)

Animal Welfare Legislation Amendment Act 2007 A2007-7 pt 3

notified LR 26 March 2007 s 1, s 2 commenced 26 March 2007 (LA s 75 (1)) pt 3 commenced 27 March 2007 (s 2 (1))

Statute Law Amendment Act 2009 A2009-20 sch 3 pt 3.3

notified LR 1 September 2009 s 1, s 2 commenced 1 September 2009 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 3 pt 3.3 commenced 22 September 2009 (s 2)

Animal Welfare Amendment Regulation 2010 (No 1) SL2010-9

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s 1, s 2 commenced 6 March 2014 (LA s 75 (1))

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                    amdt 1.33; ss renum A2005-54 amdt 1.34
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                   def adequate water ins SL2010-9 s 9
                   def cup drinker ins SL2010-9 s 9
                   def drinker ins SL2010-9 s 9
                   def feeder ins SL2010-9 s 9
                   def floor area ins SL2010-9 s 9
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                   def fowl ins SL2010-9 s 9
                   def layer pullet ins SL2010-9 s 9
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5 Earlier republications

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

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