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Animal Welfare Act 1992
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.
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

5  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.

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

5A  Prescribed prohibited items—Act, s 14

(1)  The following items are prescribed:

(a)  a soft-jaw trap;

(b)  a shock collar;

(c)  a spur with a sharpened or fixed rowel;

(d)  a cockfighting spur;

(e)  any other device or other thing made or adapted to be attached to an animal for a violent animal activity.

(2)  In this section:

violent animal activity—see the Act, section 17 (6).
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.

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

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).
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.

(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.
(5) The Legislation Act, section 47 (6) does not apply to the code.

Note 1 The text of an applied, adopted or incorporated law or instrument, whether applied as in force from time to time or at a particular time, is taken to be a notifiable instrument if the operation of the Legislation Act, s 47 (5) or (6) is not disapplied (see s 47 (7)).

Note 2 A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.

(6) In this section:

code means the Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes, published by the National Health and Medical Research Council, as in force from time to time.

Note The code may be accessed at www.nhmrc.gov.au.
Part 4  Circuses and travelling zoos

Section 7A

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

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.
Part 6  Commercial egg production

Division 6.1  Preliminary

8 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.
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
(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.

25 Offence—blinders etc

(1) A person commits an offence if the person—

(a) keeps a laying fowl; and

(b) applies, or allows another person to apply, blinders 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  
Permitted uses of electrical devices on animals

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(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.

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.

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

1 About the endnotes

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 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.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

2 Abbreviation key

A = Act
AF = Approved form
am = amended
amdt = amendment
AR = Assembly resolution
ch = chapter
CN = Commencement notice
def = definition
DI = Disallowable instrument
dict = dictionary
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly
div = division
exp = expires/expired
Gaz = gazette
hdg = heading
IA = Interpretation Act 1967
ins = inserted/added
LA = Legislation Act 2001
LR = legislation register
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996
mod = modified/modification
NI = Notifiable instrument
o = order
om = omitted/repealed
ord = ordinance
orig = original
par = paragraph/subparagraph
pres = present
prev = previous
(pl...) = previously
r = rule/subrule
reloc = relocated
renum = renumbered
RI = reissue
s = section/subsection
sch = schedule
sdiv = subdivision
SL = Subordinate law
sub = substituted
underlining = 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.*

**Animal Welfare Regulation 2001 SL2001-26**

- 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)

**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

- notified LR 17 March 2010
- s 1, s 2 commenced 17 March 2010 (LA s 75 (1))
- remainder commenced 20 July 2010 (s 2 and CN2010-6)
Endnotes

3 Legislation history

**Animal Welfare (Factory Farming) Amendment Act 2014** A2014-3 pt 3
notified LR 6 March 2014
s 1, s 2 commenced 6 March 2014 (LA s 75 (1))
pt 3 commenced 7 March 2014 (s 2)

**Animal Welfare Amendment Regulation 2014 (No 1)** SL2014-13
notified LR 30 June 2014
s 1, s 2 commenced 30 June 2014 (LA s 75 (1))
remainder commenced 1 July 2014 (s 2)

**Animal Welfare Amendment Legislation Act 2019** A2019-35 pt 3
notified LR 10 October 2019
s 1, s 2 commenced 10 October 2019 (LA s 75 (1))
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