Raising Animal Welfare Standards at the Time of Slaughter or Killing

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Tuesday 11th November 2014
10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

Public Policy Exchange holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future development across all areas of public policy.
Overview

In our society we expect all animals to be killed and slaughtered in a humane manner regardless of whether it is for food production, skin/fur products or disease control. This is supported by UK regulations and EU Directive 93/119 which governs the welfare of animals at slaughter.

From 1 January 2013 this directive was replaced by Council Regulation (EC) 1099/2009 on the Protection of Animals at the Time of Killing. The implementation of Regulation 1099/2009 requires new national legislation - the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations (WATOK) which, given the complexity of the legal framework, the Government is currently considering.

Against this background, the Government has undertaken a public consultation on proposals to implement Regulation 1099/2009 across England (a summary of the responses was published in May 2013).

This also allows Government to meet its Coalition Structural Reform Plan commitments to improve standards of animal welfare, including at slaughter. In the context of Regulation 1099/2009, the policy aims are to:

- Ensure there is no overall reduction in existing welfare standards
- Remove existing legislative provisions where this can be done without reducing welfare standards
- Ensure the obligations and requirements of Regulation 1099/2009 on EU Member States are met

A further challenge for Government, beyond implementing the Regulation, is to make provisions for appropriate penalties and sanctions whilst ensuring that existing national rules which currently provide better welfare protection than the new Regulation are not compromised.

This special symposium provides an invaluable opportunity for local authorities, food production businesses, animal welfare organisations, faith groups, veterinary interests and other key stakeholders to discuss the forthcoming regulatory changes and their ability to

There are public good benefits, animal welfare and ethical considerations associated with the conduct of animal slaughter which provide a rationale for the Government’s involvement. Council Regulation (EC) 1099/2009 on the Protection of Animals at the Time of Killing requires Member States to lay down rules on penalties and to take all measures to ensure they are implemented. Penalties must be effective, proportionate and dissuasive… Regulation 1099/2009 will apply to the killing of all animals bred and kept for the production of food, wool, skin, fur or other products in slaughterhouses or on farms as well as the killing of animals for disease control purposes… in all cases the Regulation requires that animals must be spared any avoidable pain, distress or suffering

- Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing - A Consultation, September 2012

Why Attend?

- Assess the impact on existing WASK measures from Regulation 1099/2009 for animal welfare
- Discuss whether there is a need for compulsory CCTV and monitoring in all slaughterhouses
- Consider the arrangements for existing slaughter license-holders and for those activities not previously licensed
- Explore what will and will not be changed with regards Enforcement, Powers of Entry, Appeals, Offences and Penalties
- Examine if the new proposed domestic regulations will respect religious and cultural considerations

Who Should Attend?

- Local Authorities
- Animal Welfare Organisations
- Animal Welfare Officers/Professionals
- Food Business Operators
- Livestock and Poultry Keepers
- Faith Groups
- The Police
- Legal Professionals
- Judges and Magistrates
- Veterinary Interests
- Veterinary Associations
- Enforcement Agencies
- Specialists in Animal Health, Welfare and Education
- Environmental Health Officers
- Central Government Departments

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<td>• What will be the impact on small-scale poultry production?</td>
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