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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2012.

Part 2 Codes of practice

2 Provisions made as codes of practice

(1) The provisions of each of the following are made as a code of practice—

(a) schedule 1;
(b) schedule 2.

(2) A person must comply with a code of practice in either of the following—

(a) schedule 1;
(b) schedule 2.

Note—

Under section 15(3) of the Act, it is an offence for a person not to comply with an applicable compulsory code requirement.

3 Documents made as codes of practice

(1) The documents stated in schedule 3 are made as codes of practice.

(2) A person must comply with a code of practice mentioned in schedule 3, part 1.

Note—

Under section 15(3) of the Act, it is an offence for a person not to comply with an applicable compulsory code requirement.
(3) A person may comply with a code of practice mentioned in schedule 3, part 2.

4 Relationship between particular codes of practice

(1) Subsection (2) applies if there is an inconsistency between—

(a) a provision in a code of practice in schedule 1 or schedule 2 (each a relevant compulsory code); and

(b) a provision in a code of practice mentioned in schedule 3, part 2 that is similar to the relevant compulsory code.

(2) The provision in the relevant compulsory code prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

Part 3 Miscellaneous provisions

5 Requirement to keep particular records for sows

(1) The person in charge of a sow must, unless the person has a reasonable excuse, keep a written record in the approved form stating—

(a) the date and time on each occasion the sow is placed in a farrowing crate during the sow’s reproductive cycle; and

(b) the date and time on each occasion the sow is removed from a farrowing crate during the sow’s reproductive cycle.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

(2) In this section—

farrowing crate has the meaning given by schedule 2, section 1.

sow has the meaning given by schedule 2, section 1.
6 Prescribed species for meaning of animal—Act, s 11

All species of the class Cephalopoda are prescribed for section 11(1)(d) of the Act.

Examples of species of the class Cephalopoda—
cuttlefish, nautilus, octopus, squid

7 Information for annual report—Act, s 87

(1) The following information is prescribed for section 87(2)(a)(i) of the Act—

(a) a description of the animals, including the species and class of the animals;
(b) the number of animals used or allowed to be used;
(c) details of the source, place of use, duration of use and method of disposal of the animals;
(d) the scientific purpose for which the animals were used;
(e) the justification for the use of the animals;
(f) the impact of the use on the animals.

(2) The following information is prescribed for section 87(2)(a)(ii) of the Act—

(a) details, including the source and date, of all complaints, enquiries and grievances received by the registered person about the use of animals for scientific purposes by the person;
(b) details of any steps taken to investigate a complaint, enquiry or grievance mentioned in paragraph (a);
(c) details of the results of an investigation of a complaint, enquiry or grievance mentioned in paragraph (a), including details of any steps taken to remedy a matter arising out of the investigation.

(3) The following information is prescribed for section 87(2)(b) of the Act—
(a) the name of the animal ethics committee that approved the use of the animals for scientific purposes;
(b) details of the use approved by the animal ethics committee, including any requirements the committee made under the scientific use code in relation to the use;
(c) details of how the approved use is identified in the animal ethics committee’s records.

8 Declared class of persons for authorised officers—Act, s 99

The officers of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Queensland Incorporated are an approved class of persons for section 99 of the Act.

9 Declared class of persons for inspectors—Act, s 114

The employees of an incorporated association under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, whose objects include animal welfare or the provision of facilities to care for animals, are an approved class of persons for section 114 of the Act.

10 Prescribed entities

Each of the following is prescribed for paragraph (b) of the definition of prescribed entity in the schedule to the Act—
(a) a local government;
(b) the Animal Welfare League of Queensland Inc.;
(c) the department in which the Nature Conservation Act 1992 is administered;
(d) North Queensland Wildlife Care Inc.;
(e) Wildcare Australia Inc. ABN 80 853 694 538;
(f) Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors Worldwide Ltd ABN 13 102 721 513;
(g) Tolga Bat Rescue and Research Inc.

11 Fees

(1) The fees payable under the Act are stated in schedule 4.

(2) In schedule 4—

*corporation* has the same meaning as in the Corporations Act, section 57A.

*public authority* means—

(a) a government entity under the *Public Service Act 2008*, section 24; or

(b) an entity established under a law of the Commonwealth or a State for a public purpose, whether or not the public purpose is stated in the law.

Part 4 Repeal

12 Repeal

The Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2002, SL No. 34 is repealed.
Schedule 1  Code of practice about
domestic fowl

section 2

Part 1  Preliminary

1  Definitions for sch 1

In this schedule—

*broiler breeder* means a domestic fowl used to breed meat chickens.

*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.

*domestic fowl* means a member of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus*.

*drinker* means a cup drinker or a nipple drinker.

*feeder* means anything used to provide food to a domestic fowl, and includes a food trough.

*floor*—

(a) of a cage or shed, means the surface of the bottom of the cage or shed between the vertical sections of the back and front walls and the vertical sections of the side walls of the cage or shed; and

(b) for a shed, includes a part of the floor—

(i) on a different level than another part of the floor; or

(ii) made of, or covered by, mesh or slats.
floor area—
(a) of a cage—see section 2(1) and (2); and
(b) of a shed—see section 2(3) and (4).

free range system means a system consisting of—
(a) a shed in which domestic fowl are kept other than in a cage; and
(b) an outdoor area that is accessible to the fowl.

install, for a cage, means put the cage in position for keeping domestic fowl.

layer pullet means a female domestic fowl less than 16 weeks of age.

laying fowl means a female domestic fowl reasonably expected to be capable of laying eggs, but does not include a layer pullet.

measurable part, of the floor of a cage, means that part of the floor above which the height of the cage is at least 35cm.

meat chicken means a domestic fowl produced only for human consumption, but does not include a broiler breeder.

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

relevant finding, for an inspection under section 17, means—
(a) for an inspection of a domestic fowl or a cage in which a domestic fowl is kept—a finding that the fowl—
   (i) is injured or sick; or
   (ii) is trapped in, or has escaped from, a cage; or
   (iii) is dead; or
(b) for an inspection of a water trough—a finding that there is no or very little water in the water trough; or
(c) for an inspection of a drinker or electronic or mechanical system—a finding that the drinker or system is not operating correctly; or
(d) for an inspection of a feeder—a finding that—
(i) there is no or very little food in or on the feeder; or
(ii) the food in or on the feeder is contaminated; or
(iii) if the feeder is electronically or mechanically operated—the feeder is not operating correctly.

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

*trapped*, for a domestic fowl in a cage, means the fowl is unable to move freely within the cage.

### 2 Meaning of floor area

(1) The *floor area* of a cage—

   (a) for part 2, division 1—means the area of the measurable part of the floor of the cage; or

   (b) for part 2, division 2—means the area of the floor of the cage.

(2) For subsection (1), the floor area includes an area of the floor covered by an egg and waste baffle, nipple drinker or water trough.

(3) The *floor area*, of a shed, means the area of the floor of the shed.

(4) For subsection (3), the floor area includes an area of the floor covered by a drinker, feeder or nesting area.
Part 2 Requirements for cages used to keep domestic fowl

Division 1 Laying fowl

3 General requirements for all cages used to keep laying fowl

(1) A person must not keep a laying fowl in a cage unless the person ensures—
   (a) the floor of the cage provides support for each forward pointing toe of each fowl kept in the cage; and
   (b) the fowl can reasonably access a food trough the size of which allows a space of 10cm or more for each fowl kept in the cage; and
   (c) the fowl can reasonably access—
       (i) a water trough the size of which allows a space of 10cm or more for each fowl kept in the cage; or
       (ii) 2 or more drinkers.

(2) Also, if 2 or more cages are arranged (the arrangement) in vertical tiers, a person must not keep a laying fowl in a cage in the arrangement unless—
   (a) the fowl—
       (i) is visible to an extent that allows a person inspecting the fowl to make a general assessment about the fowl’s health and well-being; and
       (ii) can easily be removed from the cage; and
   (b) if another fowl is kept in a cage on a higher tier of the arrangement—the fowl is protected from excreta from the fowl in the cage on the higher tier.
4 Additional general requirements for cages installed on or after 1 January 1995

(1) A person must not keep a laying fowl in a cage installed on or after 1 January 1995 unless—

(a) the height of the cage above the measurable part of the floor is—

(i) more than the height of the fowl; and

(ii) at least 40cm for at least 65% of the measurable part of the floor; and

(b) the height of the door of the cage is—

(i) if a feeder or egg and waste baffle is attached to the floor at the front of the cage—the same as the distance from the top of the feeder or egg and waste baffle to the top of the cage; or

(ii) otherwise—the same as the height of the front of the cage; and

(c) the width of the door of the cage is—

(i) if the width of the cage is more than 50cm—at least 50cm; or

(ii) otherwise—the same as the width of the front of the cage.

(2) In this section—

front, of a cage, means the side of the cage to which the door is attached.

5 Floor area requirements for cages used to keep laying fowl—1 laying fowl

(1) This section applies if—

(a) only 1 domestic fowl is kept in a cage; and

(b) the fowl is a laying fowl.

(2) The person in charge of the fowl must ensure the floor area of the cage is no less than—
(a) if the fowl weighs 4.5kg or less—1000cm²; or
(b) if the fowl weighs more than 4.5kg—an area worked out by allowing—
   (i) 1m² for each 26kg of weight of the fowl; or
   (ii) for a weight less than 26kg—a proportionate amount of the area mentioned in subparagraph (i).

6 Floor area requirements for cages used to keep laying fowl—2 laying fowl

(1) This section applies if—
   (a) only 2 domestic fowl are kept in a cage; and
   (b) both fowl are laying fowls.

(2) The person in charge of the fowl must ensure the floor area of the cage is no less than an area worked out by allowing—
   (a) 675cm² for each fowl weighing 4.5kg or less; and
   (b) the following for each fowl weighing more than 4.5kg—
       (i) 1m² for each 40kg of weight of the fowl;
       (ii) for a weight less than 40kg—a proportionate amount of the area mentioned in subparagraph (i).

(3) For subsection (2), if both fowl weigh more than 4.5kg, the area may be worked out using the combined weight of the fowl.

7 Floor area requirements for cages used to keep laying fowl—3 or more laying fowl

(1) This section applies if—
   (a) 3 or more domestic fowl are kept in a cage; and
   (b) all the fowl are laying fowls.

(2) The person in charge of the fowl must ensure the floor area of the cage is no less than an area worked out by allowing—
   (a) the following for each fowl weighing less than 2.4kg—
(i) for a pre-2001 cage before the prescribed day for the cage—450cm²;
(ii) for another cage—550cm²; and
(b) 600cm² for each fowl weighing 2.4kg or more but no more than 4.5kg; and
(c) the following for each fowl weighing more than 4.5kg—
   (i) 1m² for each 46kg of weight of the fowl;
   (ii) for a weight less than 46kg—a proportionate amount of the area mentioned in subparagraph (i).

(3) For subsection (2)(c), if 2 or more fowl weigh more than 4.5kg, the area may be worked out using the combined weight of all fowl weighing more than 4.5kg.

(4) In this section—

pre-2001 cage means a cage—
   (a) purchased or leased before 1 January 2001; and
   (b) installed before 1 January 2003; and
   (c) complying with the requirements stated in section 4.

prescribed day, for a pre-2001 cage, means the day that is 20 years after the day the cage was manufactured.

### Division 2  Laying pullet

#### 8 Floor area requirements for cages used to keep layer pullets

(1) This section applies if—

   (a) only 1 domestic fowl is kept in a cage and the fowl is a layer pullet; or
   (b) 2 or more domestic fowl are kept in a cage and all the fowl kept in the cage are layer pullets.

(2) The person in charge of the pullet must ensure the floor area of the cage is no less than an area worked out by allowing—
(a) 1m² for each 40kg of weight of each pullet kept in the cage; or
(b) for a weight less than 40kg—a proportionate amount of the area mentioned in paragraph (a).

(3) For subsection (2), if 2 or more pullets are kept in the cage, the area may be worked out using the combined weight of all the pullets kept in the cage.

Part 3 Requirements for sheds used to keep domestic fowl

9 Application of pt 3

This part applies if a domestic fowl is—

(a) kept in a shed, including a shed that is part of a free range system; and

(b) not kept in a cage.

10 General requirements for sheds

A person must not keep a domestic fowl in a shed unless—

(a) if the fowl is the only fowl kept in the shed—the shed contains a drinker and feeder that are reasonably accessible to the fowl; or

(b) if the fowl is kept in the shed with 1 or more other fowl—
   (i) the shed contains 1 or more feeders and 2 or more drinkers; and
   (ii) the feeders and drinkers are reasonably and equally accessible to all the fowl kept in the shed.
11 Floor area requirements for sheds—particular domestic fowl

(1) A person must not keep a domestic fowl, other than a layer pullet or meat chicken, in a shed that has a floor area less than an area worked out by allowing—
   (a) 1m² for each 30kg of weight of the fowl; or
   (b) for a weight less than 30kg—a proportionate amount of the area mentioned in paragraph (a).

(2) However, if the shed does not have a temperature control system, the person must not keep the fowl in the shed unless the floor area of the shed allows more than—
   (a) 1m² for each 30kg of weight of the fowl; or
   (b) for a weight less than 30kg—a proportionate amount of the area mentioned in paragraph (a).

(3) For subsections (1) and (2), if 2 or more fowl are kept in the shed, the area may be worked out using the combined weight of all the fowl kept in the shed.

(4) In this section—

   temperature control system, for a shed, means a system, consisting of a cooling system and ventilation fans, that controls temperature to avoid extreme temperature variations in the shed.

12 Floor area requirements for sheds—meat chickens

(1) This section applies if—
   (a) only 1 domestic fowl is kept in a shed and the fowl is a meat chicken; or
   (b) 2 or more domestic fowl are kept in a shed and all the fowl are meat chickens.

(2) The person in charge of a meat chicken must ensure the floor area of the shed is no less than an area worked out by allowing—
(a) for a tunnel ventilated shed that has an evaporative cooling system providing at least 1 air exchange every minute—

(i) 1m² for each 40kg of weight of the chicken; or

(ii) for a weight less than 40kg—a proportionate amount of the area mentioned in subparagraph (i); or

(b) for a tunnel ventilated shed other than a shed mentioned in paragraph (a), or a prescribed ventilated shed—

(i) for the period between 1 April and 30 September—

(A) 1m² for each 40kg of weight of the chicken; or

(B) for a weight less than 40kg—a proportionate amount of the area mentioned in subsubparagraph (A); and

(ii) for the period between 1 October and 31 March—

(A) 1m² for each 36kg of weight of the chicken; or

(B) for a weight less than 36kg—a proportionate amount of the area mentioned in subsubparagraph (A); or

(c) for another shed—

(i) 1m² for each 28kg of weight of the chicken; or

(ii) for a weight less than 28kg—a proportionate amount of the area mentioned in subparagraph (i).

(3) For subsection (2), if 2 or more meat chickens are kept in a shed, the area may be worked out using the combined weight of all the chickens kept in the shed.

(4) In this section—

prescribed ventilated shed means a shed that—

(a) is fitted with a mechanical ventilation system; and

(b) is not a tunnel ventilated shed; and
(c) has a water based cooling system or stirring fans.

*tunnel ventilated shed* means a shed that is tunnel ventilated or fitted with an extractive system.

### 13 Requirements for shed with more than 1 level

(1) This section applies if a domestic fowl is kept in a shed and there is more than 1 level inside the shed.

(2) The person in charge of the fowl must ensure each of the following—

(a) each level inside the shed—
   (i) is accessible to the fowl; and
   (ii) has a height no less than 45cm;

(b) the fowl is fully visible on each level and can easily be removed at all times;

(c) a fowl on a lower level inside the shed is protected from excreta from a fowl on a higher level inside the shed.

### Part 4 Requirements for outdoor area of free range system used to keep domestic fowl

### 14 Requirements for outdoor area of free range system

A person must not keep more than 1500 laying fowl in a hectare in the outdoor area of a free range system.
Part 5  Food and water requirements for domestic fowl

15  Access to food

(1) The person in charge of a domestic fowl must ensure the fowl has access to food—
   (a) within 60 hours after the fowl is hatched; and
   (b) at least once in each 24 hour period after the expiry of the 60-hour period mentioned in paragraph (a).

(2) Also, the person must ensure—
   (a) the food contains enough nutrients to ensure the fowl’s good health and vitality; and
   (b) the quantity of the food meets the fowl’s physiological needs; and
   (c) the food is not harmful to the fowl’s health.

(3) However, subsection (1)(b) does not apply if the fowl is—
   (a) a broiler breeder or layer pullet; and
   (b) given access to food under a controlled feeding regime.

(4) For subsection (2), in deciding the amount of nutrients and quantity of food that must be provided to the fowl in the shed of a free range system, regard must be had to the amount of nutrients and quantity of food available to the fowl in the outdoor area of the system.

(5) In this section—

controlled feeding regime means a regime involving the management of the amount of food consumed by a fowl to control the weight of the fowl while still ensuring the amount of food consumed is sufficient to meet the fowl’s physiological needs.
16 Access to water
(1) The person in charge of a domestic fowl must ensure the fowl has access to water—
   (a) within 60 hours after the fowl is hatched; and
   (b) at least once in each 24 hour period after the expiry of the 60-hour period mentioned in paragraph (a).
(2) Also, the person must ensure—
   (a) the water is of a temperature and quality the fowl will drink; and
   (b) the quality and quantity of the water meets the fowl’s physiological needs; and
   (c) the water is not harmful to the fowl’s health.

Part 6 Inspection requirements for domestic fowl

17 Inspections to be carried out
The person in charge of a domestic fowl must ensure each of the following are inspected at least once in each 24 hour period—
   (a) the fowl;
   (b) if the fowl is kept in a cage—the cage;
   (c) a water trough, drinker or feeder provided for the fowl;
   (d) if the fowl is kept in a shed—an electronic or mechanical system controlling light, humidity, temperature or ventilation, in the shed.

18 Inspection to include particular matters
An inspection under section 17 must include—
(a) for an inspection of a fowl—assessing the fowl’s health and checking for any injury or behaviour indicating a risk to the fowl’s welfare; or

(b) for an inspection of a cage—checking for—
   (i) fowl trapped in the cage; and
   (ii) escaped fowl outside the cage, including, in particular, fowl in the manure area under the cage; or

(c) for an inspection of a water trough—checking whether there is water in the trough; or

(d) for an inspection of a drinker or an electronic or mechanical system—checking the operation of the drinker or system; or

(e) for an inspection of a feeder—checking—
   (i) whether there is food in or on the feeder; and
   (ii) if there is food in or on the feeder—whether the food is contaminated; or
   (iii) if the feeder is electronically or mechanically operated—the operation of the feeder.

19 Action after inspection—person not in charge of domestic fowl

(1) This section applies if—
   (a) a person has carried out an inspection under section 17 in relation to a domestic fowl; and
   (b) the person is not the person in charge of the fowl; and
   (c) the person has made a relevant finding for the inspection.

(2) The person must immediately notify the person in charge of the domestic fowl of the relevant finding.
20 Action after inspection of fowl or cage—person in charge of domestic fowl

(1) This section applies if the person in charge of a domestic fowl—

(a) has carried out an inspection, under section 17, of the fowl or the cage in which the fowl is kept and has made a relevant finding for the inspection; or

(b) has been notified, under section 19, of a relevant finding for an inspection of the fowl or cage.

(2) The person must ensure—

(a) if the fowl is injured or sick—the fowl is immediately treated or destroyed; or

(b) if the fowl is trapped in the cage—the fowl is immediately released and, if the fowl is injured, treated or destroyed; or

(c) if the fowl has escaped from the cage—the fowl is recaptured as soon as practicable and—

(i) placed in a cage; or

(ii) if the fowl is to be treated for an injury or other condition—placed in a place where the injury or condition can be treated; or

(iii) destroyed; or

(d) if the fowl is dead—the fowl is immediately removed, from the cage or shed in which it is kept, and disposed of.

21 Action after inspection of water trough—person in charge of domestic fowl

(1) This section applies if the person in charge of a domestic fowl—

(a) has carried out an inspection, under section 17, of a water trough provided for the fowl and has made a relevant finding for the inspection; or
(b) has been notified, under section 19, of a relevant finding for an inspection of the water trough.

(2) The person must ensure the fowl has or has had access to water as required under section 16.

22 Action after inspection of drinker or system—person in charge of domestic fowl

(1) This section applies if the person in charge of a domestic fowl—

   (a) has carried out an inspection, under section 17, of a drinker provided for the fowl, or an electronic or mechanical system for the shed in which the fowl is kept, and has made a relevant finding for the inspection; or
   
   (b) has been notified, under section 19, of a relevant finding for an inspection of the drinker or system.

(2) The person must ensure the following—

   (a) reasonable steps are taken to rectify the problem in the operation of the drinker or system;

   (b) if there is a problem in the operation of a drinker—the fowl has or has had access to water as required under section 16.

23 Action after inspection of feeder—person in charge of domestic fowl

(1) This section applies if the person in charge of a domestic fowl—

   (a) has carried out an inspection, under section 17, of a feeder provided for the fowl and has made a relevant finding for the inspection; or

   (b) has been notified, under section 19, of a relevant finding for an inspection of the feeder.

(2) The person must ensure—
(a) if there is no or very little food in or on the feeder—the fowl has or has had access to food as required under section 15; or

(b) if food in or on the feeder is contaminated—
   (i) the contaminated food is replaced with food that is not contaminated; and
   (ii) reasonable steps are taken to prevent future contamination of food provided by the feeder; or

(c) if the feeder is an electronically or mechanically operated feeder and there is a problem in the operation of the feeder—reasonable steps are taken to rectify the problem.
Schedule 2  Code of practice about pigs

section 2

Part 1  Preliminary

1  Definitions for sch 2

In this schedule—

*additional litter* means a litter of piglets that a sow is required to foster in the sow’s reproductive cycle after the piglets that were the sow’s progenies in the cycle have been weaned.

*Example*—

a sow being required to foster the piglets of another sow that has died

*boar* means an uncastrated male pig over 9 months of age.

*breeding boar* means a boar being kept for the purpose of breeding pigs.

*breeding gilt* means a gilt being kept for the purpose of breeding pigs.

*breeding sow* means a sow being kept for the purpose of breeding pigs.

*creep area* means an area for keeping a sow’s piglets in which the piglets are protected from crushing and overlying by the sow.

*direct supervision*, for carrying out a husbandry procedure on a pig, see section 4.

*essential equipment* means mechanical equipment that is required for providing food and drinking water to pigs and ensuring their other environmental needs are met.

*Examples of other environmental needs*—

- a stable and comfortable temperature
adequate lighting and ventilation

farrowing means giving birth to piglets.

farrowing crate means an enclosure—
(a) designed and constructed for housing only 1 sow during and after farrowing; and
(b) of a size that does not allow the sow to turn around freely; and
(c) that has a creep area adjacent to it.

farrowing pen means a pen—
(a) designed and constructed for housing only 1 sow and her piglets during and after farrowing; and
(b) of a size that allows the sow and her piglets to turn around freely; and
(c) that has a creep area in it.

feeder means a trough, hopper or similar equipment from which food may be accessed by a pig.

floor area see section 2.

foster, in the context of a sow fostering piglets, means the sow feeding piglets that are not her progenies.

gilt means a young female pig that is intended to be used for reproduction but has not had a first litter.

husbandry procedure means a procedure to which section 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 applies.

medication instruction means—
(a) a prescription given by a veterinary surgeon; or
(b) a written instruction for administering medicine that is—
   (i) prepared by the manufacturer or supplier of the medicine; and
   (ii) supplied with the medicine.

pen means an enclosure that is designed and constructed for housing pigs.
pig means a pig, other than a feral pig (Sus scrofa).

piglet means a pig up to the time it is weaned from the sow.

sow means—
(a) an adult female pig that has had at least 1 litter; or
(b) a gilt that has been confirmed pregnant.

stall means an enclosure that is designed and constructed for housing only 1 pig.

suitably qualified, for carrying out a husbandry procedure on a pig, see section 3.

surgical sterilisation procedure means a surgical procedure to render a pig sterile, including, for example, surgical castration.

waterer, for a pig, means a trough or similar equipment from which drinking water may be accessed by a pig.

weaner means a pig, other than a breeding boar, breeding gilt or breeding sow, after it has been weaned from the sow, whose live weight, rounded to the nearest kilogram, is no more than 30kg.

2 Meaning of floor area

(1) The floor area, of a pen, a stall or a farrowing crate, means the area of the floor of the pen, stall or crate.

(2) For subsection (1), the floor area of a pen, stall or farrowing crate includes an area of the floor covered by a feeder or waterer only if the feeder or waterer—
(a) does not impede the movement of a pig being kept in the pen, stall or crate; and
(b) is not reasonably likely to cause injury to a pig being kept in the pen, stall or crate.
Part 2 Competency requirements about husbandry procedures

3 Who is suitably qualified to carry out a husbandry procedure

(1) A person is suitably qualified to carry out a husbandry procedure on a pig only if—

(a) the person is a veterinary surgeon; or

(b) a registered training organisation has issued the person either of the following that is relevant to carrying out the procedure—

(i) a Certificate III in Agriculture (Pig Production) or an equivalent qualification;

(ii) a statement of attainment for achieving the units of competency required for the Rural Production Training Package for pig production or an equivalent statement of attainment.

(2) In this section—

qualification see the Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000, schedule 3.

registered training organisation see the Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000, schedule 3.

statement of attainment see the Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000, schedule 3.

4 When a person is under direct supervision for a husbandry procedure

A person (the supervised person) carries out a husbandry procedure on a pig under the direct supervision of another person (the supervisor) only if the supervisor—

(a) instructs the supervised person about the procedure; and

(b) is on the premises where the procedure is being carried out, while the procedure is being carried out; and
(c) is available to give additional instruction to the supervised person about carrying out the procedure, if required, while the procedure is being carried out; and

(d) evaluates, including personally checking on a regular basis, the carrying out of the procedure by the supervised person.

5 Prescribed non-invasive husbandry procedures

(1) A person may carry out a prescribed non-invasive husbandry procedure on a pig only if the person—

(a) is competent to carry out the procedure; or

(b) carries out the procedure under the direct supervision of a person who is competent to carry out the procedure.

(2) In this section—

prescribed non-invasive husbandry procedure means—

(a) diagnosing whether or not a pig is pregnant by external ultrasonic examination; or

(b) measuring a pig’s back fat in a way that does not penetrate its skin; or

(c) administering medicine to a pig in compliance with a medication instruction by—

(i) oral dosing; or

(ii) topical application to the skin; or

(iii) mixing the medicine with food.

6 Inspecting pigs

A person may carry out an inspection of a pig kept for a commercial purpose only if the person—

(a) is suitably qualified to carry out the inspection; or

(b) carries out the inspection under the direct supervision of a person who is suitably qualified to carry out the inspection.
7 Invasive husbandry procedures

(1) A person may carry out an invasive husbandry procedure on a pig only if the person—
   (a) is suitably qualified to carry out the procedure; or
   (b) carries out the procedure under the direct supervision of a person who is suitably qualified to carry out the procedure.

(2) In this section—

   invasive husbandry procedure, for a pig, means a procedure relating to breeding, keeping, raising or caring for a pig that is invasive, but does not include a procedure to which section 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10 applies.

   Examples—
   • castrating a male pig younger than 3 weeks
   • clipping a pig’s needle teeth
   • docking a pig’s tail
   • marking a pig for identification
   • ringing a pig’s nose
   • trimming a pig’s tusks

8 Administering vaccines and other medicines by injection

A person may administer a vaccine or other medicine to a pig by injection only if the person—

   (a) is suitably qualified to administer the vaccine or other medicine by injection; or
   (b) administers the vaccine or other medicine—
      (i) under the direct supervision of a person who is suitably qualified to administer the vaccine or other medicine by injection; or
      (ii) in compliance with a medication instruction.

Note—
The Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996 contains provisions regulating the administration and use of vaccines and particular medicines.

9 Surgical sterilisation of male pigs over 3 weeks of age

A person may carry out a surgical sterilisation procedure on a male pig that is 3 weeks or older only if—

(a) the person is a veterinary surgeon; or

(b) the person—

(i) is undertaking a course of study, or a qualifying examination, in veterinary science approved by the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland established under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936; and

(ii) carries out the procedure under the direct supervision of a veterinary surgeon.

10 Killing pigs

(1) A person may kill a pig only if the person—

(a) is suitably qualified to kill the pig; or

(b) is acting under the direct supervision of a person who is suitably qualified to kill the pig.

(2) However, a person other than a person acting under subsection (1) may kill a pig if—

(a) it is necessary to kill the pig to prevent it from suffering; and

(b) it would be inhumane to delay killing the pig until a person could kill it under subsection (1).

Note—

For other requirements for the killing of pigs, see section 33.
Part 3  Food and water requirements

11  Access to food
    The person in charge of a pig must ensure—
    (a) the pig has access to food—
        (i) if the pig is a weaner—twice daily; or
        (ii) otherwise—daily; and
    (b) the food is adequate for keeping the pig in good health and meeting its physiological needs.

12  Access to water
    The person in charge of a pig must ensure—
    (a) the pig has access to drinking water at all times; and
    (b) the quality and quantity of the water meets the pig’s physiological needs.

Part 4  Accommodation requirements

13  Housing requirements for pigs
    (1) This section applies whether or not a pig is ordinarily kept in single or group housing in a shed, shelter or other building or is allowed to range outside.
    (2) The person in charge of the pig must provide housing that is designed, constructed and maintained to protect the pig from adverse weather, injury, predators and other threats to the pig’s welfare.
    (3) If the housing is fitted with an automatically controlled forced-ventilation system, the person must ensure there is an effective backup system that will allow the housing to be ventilated if there is a power failure.
Examples of an automatically controlled forced-ventilation system—
   fans or shutters controlled by temperature sensors

(4) If the housing is naturally ventilated using automatically operated equipment, the person must ensure—
   (a) the equipment is inspected at least twice daily; or
   (b) there is an effective backup system that will allow the housing to be ventilated if there is a power failure.

14 Floor area requirements for indoor pens used to keep breeding boars
(1) This section applies if—
   (a) only 1 pig is kept in an indoor pen; and
   (b) the pig is a breeding boar.
(2) The person in charge of the boar must ensure the floor area of the indoor pen is no less than 6m².

15 Floor area requirement for indoor pens used to keep breeding gilts whose live weight is greater than 100kg
(1) This section applies if—
   (a) 2 or more pigs are kept in an indoor pen, other than a farrowing pen; and
   (b) all of the pigs are breeding gilts with a live weight greater than 100kg.
(2) The person in charge of the gilts must ensure the floor area of the pen is no less than 1m² for each gilt.

16 Floor area requirement for indoor pens used to keep breeding sows
(1) This section applies if—
   (a) 2 or more pigs are kept in an indoor pen; and
   (b) all of the pigs are breeding sows.
(2) The person in charge of the sows must ensure the floor area of the pen is no less than 1.4m² for each sow.

17 Floor area requirements for indoor pens used to keep weaners, growers or finishers

(1) This section applies if—

(a) only 1 pig is kept in an indoor pen and the pig is a weaner, grower or finisher; or

(b) 2 or more pigs are kept in an indoor pen and all the pigs are either weaners, growers or finishers.

(2) The person in charge of the pig or pigs must ensure the floor area of the pen is no less than—

(a) if only 1 pig is kept in the pen—the minimum floor area stated in the minimum floor area table for the live weight of the pig, rounded to the nearest kilogram; or

(b) if 2 or more pigs are kept in the pen—an area worked out using the following formula—

\[ F \times N \]

where—

\( F \) means the minimum floor area stated in the minimum floor area table for the live weight that is the average live weight of the pigs, rounded to the nearest kilogram.

\( N \) means the number of pigs.

Example for paragraph (b)—

The following pigs are kept in an indoor pen—

- a grower with a live weight of 32.3kg
- a grower with a live weight of 50kg
- a grower with a live weight of 57.5kg
- a finisher with a live weight of 65kg.

The average live weight of the pigs, rounded to the nearest kilogram, is 51kg. The floor area of the pen must be no less than 0.42m² (being the minimum floor area stated in the minimum floor area table for 51kg) x 4 (being the number of pigs), which is 1.68m².
(3) In this section—

*average live weight*, of 2 or more pigs, means the average of the live weights of the pigs.

*finisher* means a pig, other than a breeding boar, breeding gilt or breeding sow, whose live weight, rounded to the nearest kilogram, is more than 60kg.

*grower* means a pig, other than a breeding boar, breeding gilt or breeding sow, whose live weight, rounded to the nearest kilogram, is more than 30kg but no more than 60kg.

*minimum floor area table* means the following table—

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18 **Floor area requirement for indoor farrowing pens used to keep breeding sows**

(1) This section applies if—
   (a) only 1 pig is kept in an indoor farrowing pen; and
   (b) the pig is a breeding sow.

(2) The person in charge of the sow must ensure the floor area of the farrowing pen is no less than 5.6m².

19 **General requirements for stalls used to keep pigs**

(1) This section applies if a pig is kept in a stall.

   *Note*—
   For measurement requirements for indoor stalls for particular pigs, see sections 20 and 21.

(2) The person in charge of the pig must ensure—

   (a) the pig can stand, stretch and lie with its limbs extended in the stall without being obstructed by the stall, including, for example, by bars, railings and fittings; and

   (b) the pig can stand in the stall without touching, at the same time, the opposite sides of the stall; and

   (c) when the pig lies in the stall, its snout and hindquarters do not touch, at the same time, the opposite ends of the stall; and

   (d) if the stall has bars fitted on the top, the pig’s back does not touch the bars when the pig stands at rest or lowers its head; and

   (e) the pig can easily access a feeder and waterer; and

   (f) the placement of feeders or waterers does not—
      (i) interfere with the pig’s ability to stand, stretch, move or lie in the stall; or
      (ii) injure the pig; and

   (g) the stall is designed and constructed to minimise the risk of harm to the pig from a pig in an adjoining stall; and
Example—
en ensures the stall is fitted with a barrier
(h) reasonable steps are taken to avoid injury to the pig because of contact with another pig in an adjoining stall; and
Example—
en ensuring that 2 aggressive boars or a sow and an aggressive boar are not kept in adjoining stalls
(i) faeces and urine do not accumulate in the stall so that the pig does not have an area clear of faeces and urine in which to lie.

(3) In this section—

ends, of a stall, means the shorter sides of the stall that, if a pig were standing in the stall, would ordinarily be parallel to the front and back of the pig.

sides, of a stall, means the longer sides of the stall that, if a pig were standing in the stall, would ordinarily be parallel to the sides of the pig.

20 Measurement requirements for indoor stalls used to keep breeding boars

(1) This section applies if—

(a) only 1 pig is kept in an indoor stall; and
(b) the pig is a breeding boar.

Note—

For general requirements for stalls used to keep pigs, see section 19.

(2) The person in charge of the boar must ensure—

(a) the length of the stall is no less than 2.4m; and
(b) the width of the stall is no less than 0.7m.

21 Measurement requirements for indoor stalls used to keep sows

(1) This section applies if—
(a) only 1 pig is kept in an indoor stall; and
(b) the pig is a sow.

Note—
For general requirements for stalls used to keep pigs, see section 19.

(2) The person in charge of the sow must ensure—
(a) the length of the stall is no less than 2.2m; and
(b) the width of the stall is no less than 0.6m.

22 Releasing boars from stalls for mating or exercise
If a boar is kept in a stall, the person in charge of the boar must ensure it is released from the stall no less than twice a week for mating or exercise.

23 General requirements for farrowing crates used to keep sows
(1) This section applies if—
(a) only 1 pig is kept in a farrowing crate; and
(b) the pig is a sow.

Note—
For measurement requirements for indoor farrowing crates used to keep sows, see section 24.

(2) The person in charge of the sow must ensure—
(a) the crate is designed and constructed to minimise the risk of the sow lying on her piglets; and
(b) the sow can give birth to piglets—
   (i) without being obstructed by the crate; and
   (ii) in a way that minimises the risk of the piglets being crushed, trapped or otherwise injured; and
(c) the sow can suckle her piglets so that the piglets have reasonable access to both sides of her udder; and
(d) the sow can access food and water without being obstructed by the crate.

(3) The person in charge of the sow must ensure the sow is not kept in the crate for more than a total of—

(a) if the sow is required to foster an additional litter—12 weeks in the sow’s reproductive cycle; or

(b) otherwise—6 weeks in the sow’s reproductive cycle.

Note—
For the requirement to keep particular records for sows, see section 5 of the regulation.

(4) In this section—
sow includes a breeding sow.

24 Measurement requirements for indoor farrowing crates used to keep sows

(1) This section applies if—

(a) only 1 pig is kept in an indoor farrowing crate; and

(b) the pig is a sow.

Note—
For general requirements for farrowing crates used to keep sows, see section 23.

(2) The person in charge of the sow must ensure—

(a) the length of the crate is no less than 2m; and

(b) the width of the crate is no less than 0.5m; and

(c) the total of the floor area of the crate, and the area of the creep area adjacent to it, is no less than 3.2m2.

(3) For subsection (2)(a), the length must be measured on the inside of the crate.

(4) For subsection (2)(b), the width must be measured on the inside of the crate, at a level no higher than 450mm above the floor of the crate.
Part 5 Requirements for particular equipment and systems

25 Inspection and maintenance of essential equipment

The person in charge of a pig must ensure essential equipment used to keep the pig is inspected daily and kept in good working order.

26 Risk management system

(1) The person in charge of a pig must establish, implement and maintain a risk management system that ensures the pig is adequately fed and watered and its other environmental needs are met if there is—

(a) a malfunction of essential equipment; or

(b) a delay in supplying food or water.

(2) In this section—

risk management system means a written procedure that—

(a) identifies, monitors, mitigates and effectively manages risks to a pig’s food supply, water supply and other environmental needs; and

(b) includes a system for daily inspection of mechanical equipment essential for provision of a pig’s food, water and other environmental needs.

Examples of other environmental needs—

• a stable and comfortable temperature

• adequate lighting and ventilation
Part 6  Other requirements

27  Health inspections

The person in charge of a pig must ensure the pig is inspected, at least once a day, to assess its health and wellbeing.

28  Health management

(1) The person in charge of a pig must establish, implement and maintain a herd health program for the pig.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), if a pig is sick, weak or injured, the person in charge of the pig must ensure the pig is—

   (a) isolated from other pigs; and
   (b) given appropriate veterinary treatment.

(3) If a pig is suffering from an incurable disease or injury or a painful deformity, the person in charge of the pig must ensure the pig is—

   (a) isolated from other pigs; and
   (b) given appropriate veterinary treatment or killed.

   Note—
   For limitations and other requirements for the killing of pigs, see sections 10 and 33.

(4) In this section—

   *herd health program*, for a pig, means a written procedure that—

   (a) identifies potential risks to the pig of sickness or disease; and
   (b) provides for specific actions to prevent or minimise the risks.
29  **Farrowing and weaning**

(1) The person in charge of a piglet must ensure the piglet is checked within 24 hours of its birth to ensure it is feeding and receiving colostrum or an appropriate substitute.

(2) If a sow dies and a piglet of the sow has not been weaned or is not receiving adequate nutrition, the person in charge of the piglet must ensure the piglet is—
   (a) fostered by another sow; or
   (b) weaned; or
   (c) hand-reared; or
   (d) killed.

   *Note*—
   For limitations and other requirements for the killing of pigs, see sections 10 and 33.

(3) If a sow is required to foster an additional litter, the person in charge of the sow must ensure the sow is given appropriate additional care to ensure its good health and wellbeing.

   *Example*—
   ensuring the sow is exercised regularly, receives additional nutrition and is supervised more intensively than other sows

(4) In this section—

   *colostrum* means milk with a high protein and antibody content that is secreted by a sow for the first few days after farrowing.

30  **Sterilisation of male pigs**

(1) A person may sterilise a male pig only by carrying out on the pig—
   (a) a surgical sterilisation procedure; or
   (b) an immunocastration procedure.

(2) If the person is carrying out a surgical sterilisation procedure on a male pig 3 weeks or older, the person must administer anaesthetic to the pig for the procedure.
(3) In this section—

**immunocastration procedure** means administration of a vaccine that makes a pig temporarily or permanently sterile by preventing the release of, or otherwise affecting the action of, the pig’s endogenous gonadotropins.

### 31 Restraining pigs

(1) The person in charge of a pig must ensure the pig is not restrained by tethering.

(2) In this section—

**tethering**, a pig, means restraining the pig by attaching one end of a chain or wire to a collar around the pig’s neck or a girth around the pig’s body and the other end of the chain or wire to a part of a stall.

### 32 Moving pigs

The person in charge of a pig must not allow either of the following to be used to move the pig—

(a) an electric prodding device;

(b) a dog, unless—

(i) the dog is under the control of the person who has custody of the pig; and

(ii) if the dog has attacked, or acted in a way that has caused fear to, a person or another animal—the dog is muzzled.

### 33 Killing pigs

A person who kills a pig must ensure it is killed in a way that—

(a) causes rapid unconsciousness and death immediately after unconsciousness happens; and

(b) is otherwise humane.
Schedule 3  Documents made as codes of practice

section 3

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## Schedule 4 Fees

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