



Queensland

Animal Care and Protection Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2013

Subordinate Legislation 2013 No. 103

made under the

Animal Care and Protection Act 2001

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1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Animal Care and Protection Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2013*.

2 Regulation amended

This regulation amends the *Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2012*.

3 Amendment of sch 1 (Code of practice about domestic fowl)

(1) Schedule 1, section 1—

insert—

front, of a cage, see section 4(3).

(2) Schedule 1, section 4(1)(b)—

omit, insert—

(b) the opening of the door of the cage, when the door is opened fully, is—

(i) at least 19cm high measured vertically from its bottom to its top; and

(ii) free of obstruction by anything attached to the front of the cage; and

Examples for subparagraph (ii)—

a feeder, egg and waste baffle or cage bar

(3) Schedule 1, section 4(2)—

renumber as schedule 1, section 4(3).

(4) Schedule 1, section 4—

insert—

(2) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to a cage installed on or after 1 July 2013.

(5) After schedule 1, section 4—

insert—

4A Door opening requirement for cages installed on or after 1 July 2013

- (1) This section applies to a cage installed on or after 1 July 2013.
- (2) A person must not keep a laying fowl in the cage unless the opening of the door of the cage, when the door is opened fully, is—
 - (a) at least 22cm high measured vertically from its bottom to its top; and
 - (b) free of obstruction by anything attached to the front of the cage.

Examples for paragraph (b)—

a feeder, egg and waste baffle or cage bar

- (6) Schedule 1, section 14—

omit, insert—

14 Requirements for outdoor area of free range system

- (1) A person must not keep more than 10000 laying fowl in a hectare in the outdoor area of a free range system.
- (2) However, a person must not keep more than 1500 laying fowl in a hectare in the outdoor area of a free range system unless the person ensures—
 - (a) fowl are grazed by moving them from paddock to paddock in the area; and
 - (b) at least 60% of the unshaded part of the area has ground cover vegetation, unless adverse weather conditions prevent vegetation growth; and
 - (c) the area is managed to avoid unsuitable conditions for fowl; and

Examples of unsuitable conditions for fowl—

muddy ground or ground covered with excessive amounts of excreta

- (d) the area is free of—
 - (i) poisonous plants and organisms that cause or carry disease that could harm a fowl's health; and
 - (ii) chemicals that could harm a fowl's health; and
- (e) each fowl, when fully feathered, has ready access for at least 8 hours a day to the area, unless adverse weather conditions prevent the access; and
- (f) the openings in a free range system's shed through which fowl may access the area comply with the following requirements—
 - (i) each opening is at least 35cm high;
 - (ii) each opening is at least 40cm wide;
 - (iii) the total combined width of openings is at least 2m for every 1000 fowl kept in the shed; and
- (g) there is reasonably sufficient shelter in the area to provide fowl with shade and protection from adverse weather conditions; and

Examples of shelter—

a sunshade, a substantial tree or bush or a windbreak

- (h) there is reasonably sufficient protection for fowl in the area from predators.

Example of protection for fowl from predators—

a fence

- (3) In this section—

ground cover vegetation, for an outdoor area of a free range system, means any low spreading plant covering the soil in the area and retarding movement of soil.

unshaded part, of an outdoor area of a free range system, means the part of the area that is not shaded by shelter.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on 20 June 2013.
- 2 Notified in the gazette on 21 June 2013.
- 3 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 4 The administering agency is the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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