

Country report on national action plans for animal welfare

Republic of Armenia

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What are the main Animal Welfare issues you work on?

- The Food Safety Inspection Body, being the authorized body in the field of veterinary medicine, oversees the fulfillment by animal owners and/or individuals and legal entities that keep animals of their duties to protect animal welfare.



Resources – what resources (financial and human) are available to work on Animal Welfare?

- The Food Safety Inspection Body is involved in animal welfare work but does not have a separate financial budget for it.



Stakeholders – Which are involved (government agencies, NGOs, farmers, veterinary professionals) and their role?

- Government agencies, public organizations and the private sectors are involved in animal welfare within their competence.



Regulatory framework – What are the legal acts/regulations that you have on Animal Welfare? Do you use WOAH standards and other guidelines and best practices in your work?

In the Republic of Armenia, animal protection is established by the Law "On Veterinary Medicine".

In particular

- Article 5, paragraph 3 - Ensuring the implementation of international standards and requirements regarding animal health and welfare in the Republic of Armenia
- Article 32 - Animal welfare
- Article 35 - Duties and restrictions of persons on the protection of the health of pets



Implementation and enforcement – what are the main actions taken to implement and enforce your regulatory framework?

- A draft of the Law on “Responsible attitude towards animals” is currently being discussed by National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
- International experience is studied and appropriate recommendations are made to improve existing legal acts
- According to article 307 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia, cruelty to animals entails an administrative fine or imprisonment for up to two years.



Data - what data you collect and how?

- The data were obtained from Statistical Committee

Livestock numbers in 2024

Cattle	491594
Pig	186951
Sheep	690565
Goat	19486
Horse	14059
Poultry	4426455



Public awareness or educational programs – What programs are currently in place in your country?

- The students at Armenian National Agrarian University study the subject “Animal welfare and hygiene”
- Armenian National Agrarian University regularly organizes animal welfare courses for the training of expert veterinarians at slaughterhouses
- The Food Safety Inspection Body regularly works to raise awareness of orders, decisions and other legal acts related to veterinary medicine to all stakeholders



Barriers and challenges – What barriers and challenges do you face to implement Animal Welfare regulation (cultural, economical, political, ...) ?

- The main challenge is the small number of animal care centers and insufficient funding resources.

Thank you



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