

# Action plan for animal welfare- Portugal

National protection plan- PPA

- Based on a monitoring and evaluation process
- Legal base- Specific EU legislation and Regulation 625/2017 on oficial controls



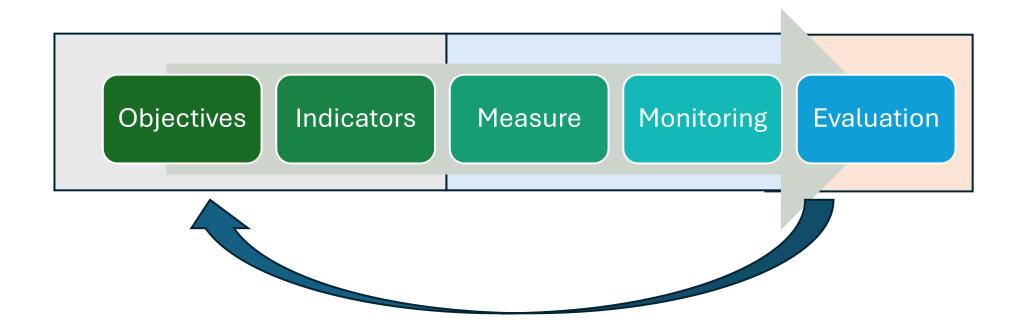




## Monitoring and evaluation

"Monitoring is an ongoing process that tracks progress against expected results"

"Evaluation is a more comprehensive assessment that is typically conducted at key points during or after an intervention to assess its overall effectiveness and impact."



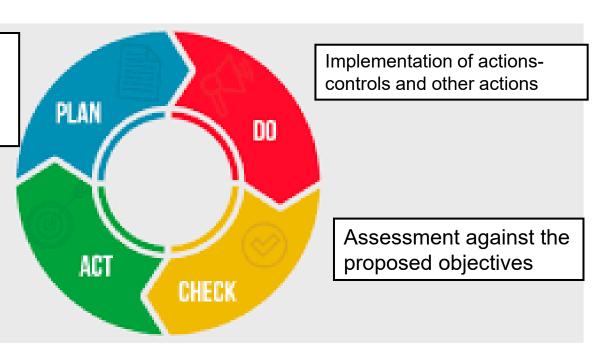
## **Animal welfare plan- Portugal**

To define strategic and operational objectives for Animal Welfare

To plan the actions and controls

To evaluate on the differences between what has been defined and what has been achieved.

To define new actions and redefine the objectives.



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# Animal Welfare Plan (PPA) 2022- 2025

- ✓ To define the priorities and objectives
- ✓ To define the controls- Frequency, methodologies; actions in case of non compliance; record of the controls

Farm Transport Slaughter

"To ensure compliance with the minimum standards of animal welfare on holdings and the improvement of welfare conditions for animals, in particular for laying hens, turkeys, chickens, pigs, bovine animals, calves, sheep, caprine and horses in places of rearing, as well as for the transport of live animals and the slaughter of animals"

- Lack of resources!!! Its necessary to establish priorities and have a more focused work
- Its necessary to acess if we are going on the right direction
- Sometimes its not easy to change the mindset

## Animal welfare follow up action plan- PAPPA

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- Actions to be developed to comply with the operational obejctives
- Meetings with the regional services
- Supervision controls- frequency, check lists; reports
- Other actions- training; development of guidelines; other meetings

# What to take in consideration on the definition of priorities and objectives?

- ✓ Knowlodge of the National situation in relation to animal welfare- Controls data and other relevant data
- ✓ Problems identified during the implementation and enforcement of the AW requirements- exemple complaints,
- ✓ New areas of concern- exemple increase of live export by road to third countries; religious slaughter
- ✓ Priorities and strategies at National, EU and European level
- ✓ Audit and supervision control results



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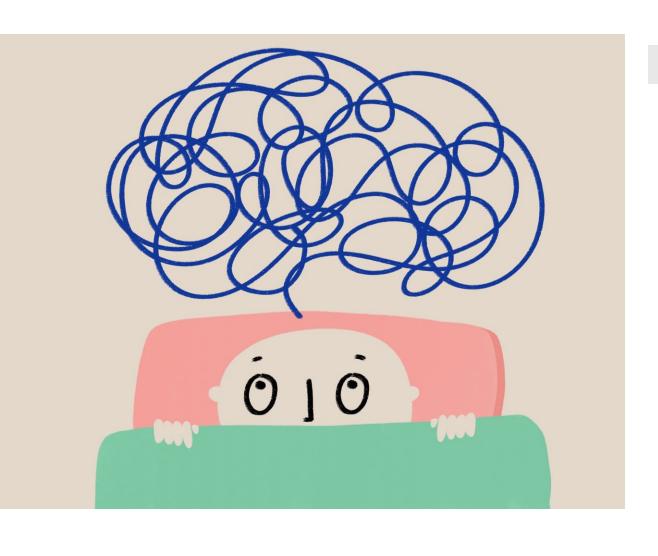






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#### Which are the priorities?



Farm

Transport

Slaughter

What we want to achieve?

Operational objectives

Indicators

How do we monitor?

Type of data

Data collectiondatabase

when?

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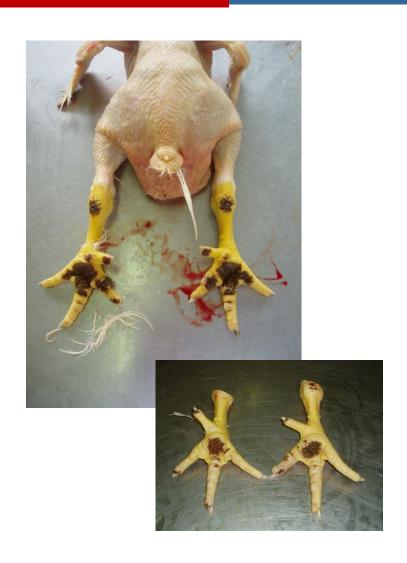
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- Operational objective Reduce the number of broiler flocks with alerts at the slaughterhouse concerning Foot pad dermatitis, compared to the previous year
- Indicator: Reduce the number of broiler flocks found at the slaughterhouse with FPD dermatitis by 10 per cent compared to the previous year

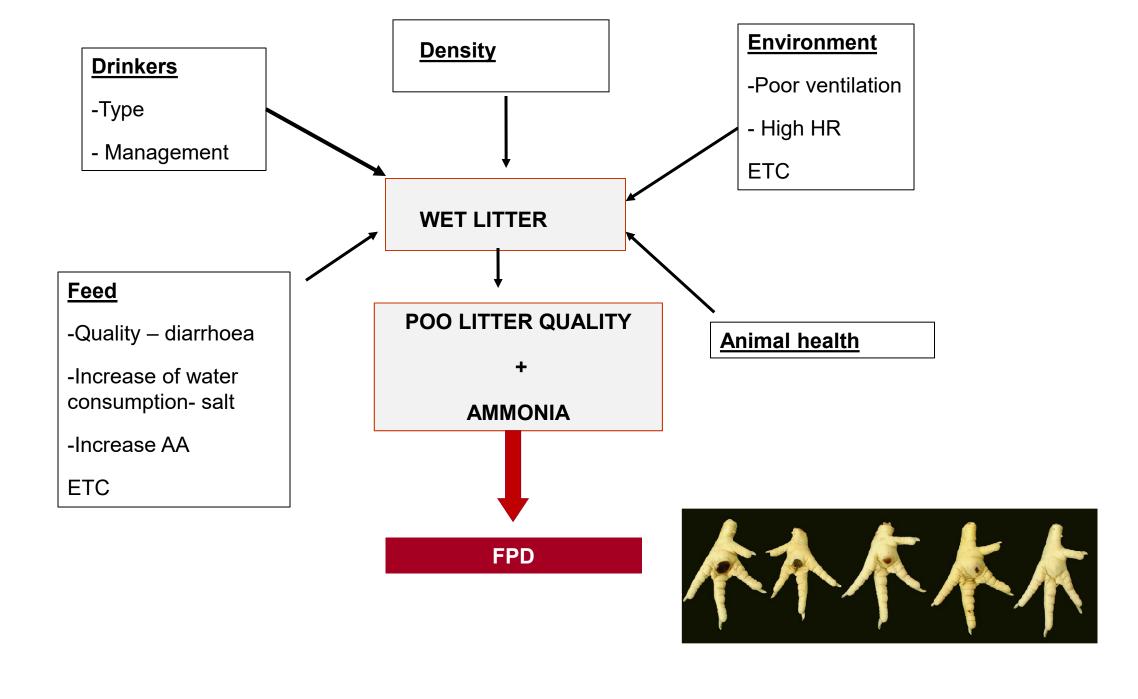


## WHY?

# **FPD**



- AW Iceberg indicator
- Has impact on the broiler welfare- pain; feed consumption, growth, diseases
- Management, Litter management, environmental conditions
- To evaluate if the farmers are improving the farm conditions taking in consideration the data collected at the slaughterhouse- EU legislation



#### **ON-FARM/HOLDING MORTALITY**

**MORTALITY IN TRANSPORT** 

POST-MORTEM INSPECTION RESULTS, IDENTIFY WELFARE PROBLEMS ON THE HOLDING



- WHICH PARAMETERS?
- DESCRIPTION OF PARAMETERS? (WITH PHOTOS+TEXT)
- HOW TO MEASURE?
- WHICH SAMPLE?
- WHICH LIMITS ARE ACCEPTABLE?

#### Avaliação dos parâmetros de bem estar dos frangos no matadouro

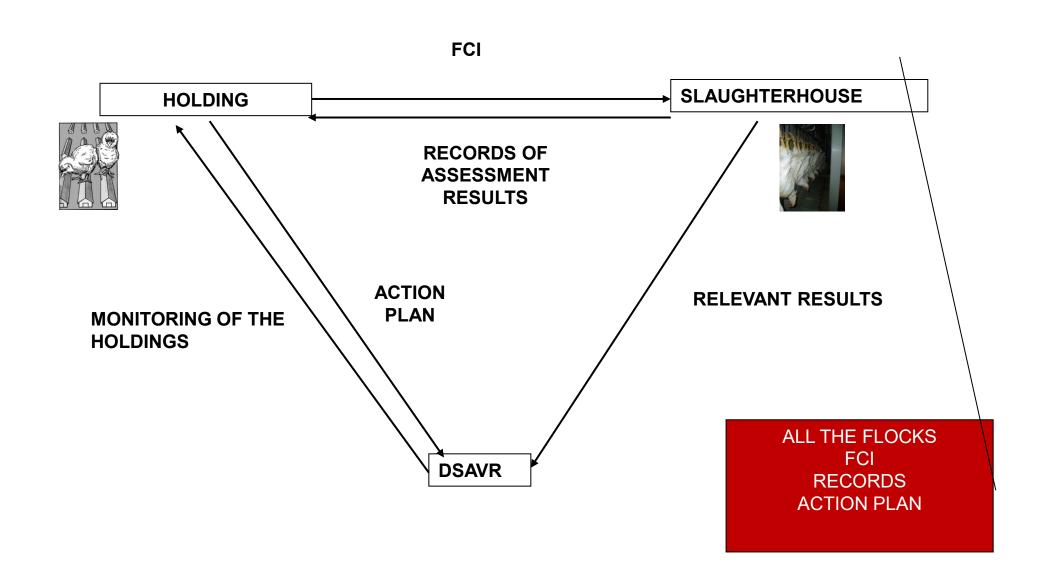
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#### **GUIA INTERPRETATIVO**





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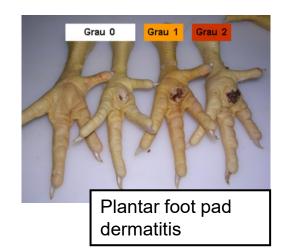




holding (<6%) and transport (<0,5%)

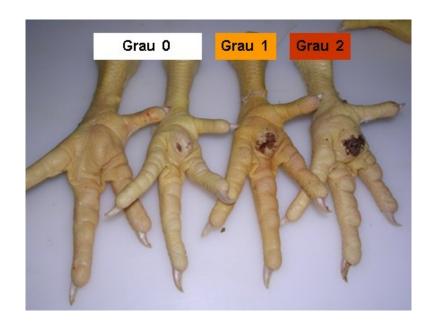


Traumatic injuries < 2%



**Parameters** 





FOOT PAD SCORE = (A + B) 
SAMPLE SIZE / 100

grade of FPD	FPD score
0	0 a 50
1	> 50 a 80
2	> 80

#### **GRADE 0- NO INJURY**

**GRADE 1- MINOR INJURIES GRADE 2- SERIOUS INJURIES** 

The No. OF PAWS OF GRADE 0 DOES NOT COUNT FOR THE SCORE

The No. OF PAWS OF GRADE 1 IS MULTIPLIED BY 0.5- A

The No. OF PAWS OF GRADE 2 IS MULTIPLIED BY 2- **B** 

- All the flocks are evaluated at the slaughterhouse and compiled in a database
- Anual evaluation of the data colected at the slaughterhouses and during farm controls
- Define the objectives and actions for the next year

Two new database system- more data and easier to collect the data

## Animal welfare follow up plan

#### Taking in consideration the results we define aditional measures

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Measures to implemente by the veterinary services at central level:

- Definition of risk criteria to select the broiler farms to be controlled
- Reinforcement of follow-up checks on broiler farms
- Revision of the guide for assessing the welfare parameters of chickens at the slaughterhouse
- Working meetings with private veterinarians assisting the production sector to reinforce the implementation of measures on the farm in the event of repeated relevant DAP results

Evaluation if this actions were done- anual evaluation

Are this actions enough? Evaluation process taking in consideration the monitoring data



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# Animal Welfare Plan(PPA)2022- 2025

**Operational objective-** Strengthen the enforcement of the fitness of animals during transport requirements

#### **Indicators:**

- -15 per cent increase in the adoption of corrective measures relating to the fitness for transport of animals, compared to the previous year- controls database
- 30 per cent reduction in the number of emergency slaughters at the slaughterhouse (animals not fit for transport), compared to the previous year.-slaughterhouse data

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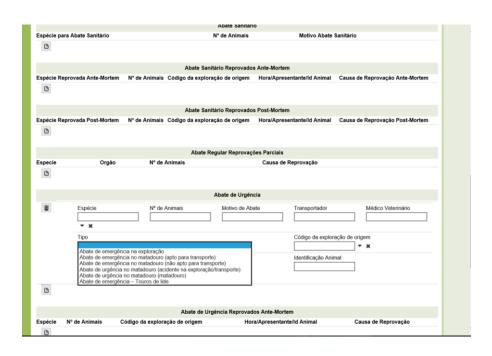
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Where to collect data?

Slaughterhouse data database- All the cases of unfit animals at the slaughterhouse are recorded



## Animal welfare follow up plan

What actions do we need to implement to achieve the objectives?

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#### Measures to implement by the veterinary services at central level:

- Reinforcement of the controls- Control plan
- Follow-up checks targeting the slaughterhouses with the highest number of cases of unfit for transport
- Follow-up checks targeting holdings of origin of bovine animals not fit for transport
- Specific training for DGAV official vets on fitness for transport
- Establishment of additional requirements relating to fitness for transport under the animal welfare schemes for cattle and pigs
- Reviewing procedures relating to fitness for transport, reinforcing controls at the slaughterhouse for all animal species cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and horses
- Training of the farm technical personnel
- Meetings with the farmers association- Working group with the pig sector

Evaluation of the compliance of this actions- anual



Are this action enough?

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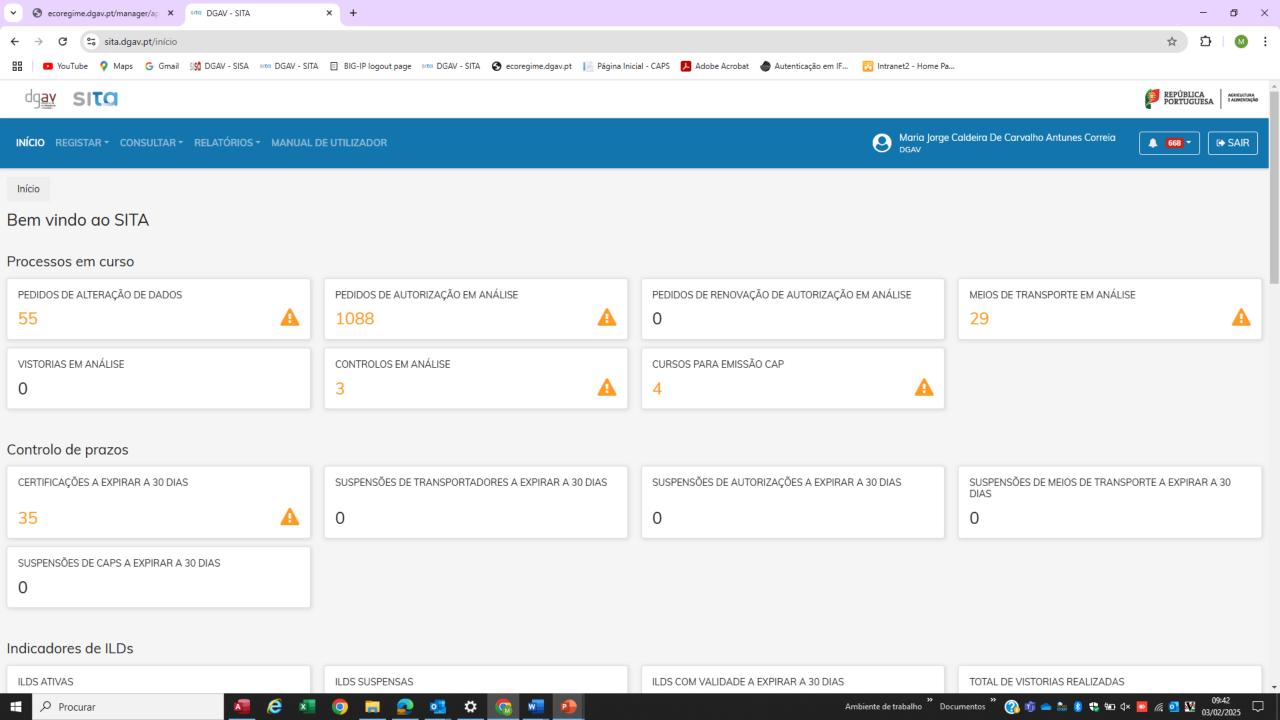
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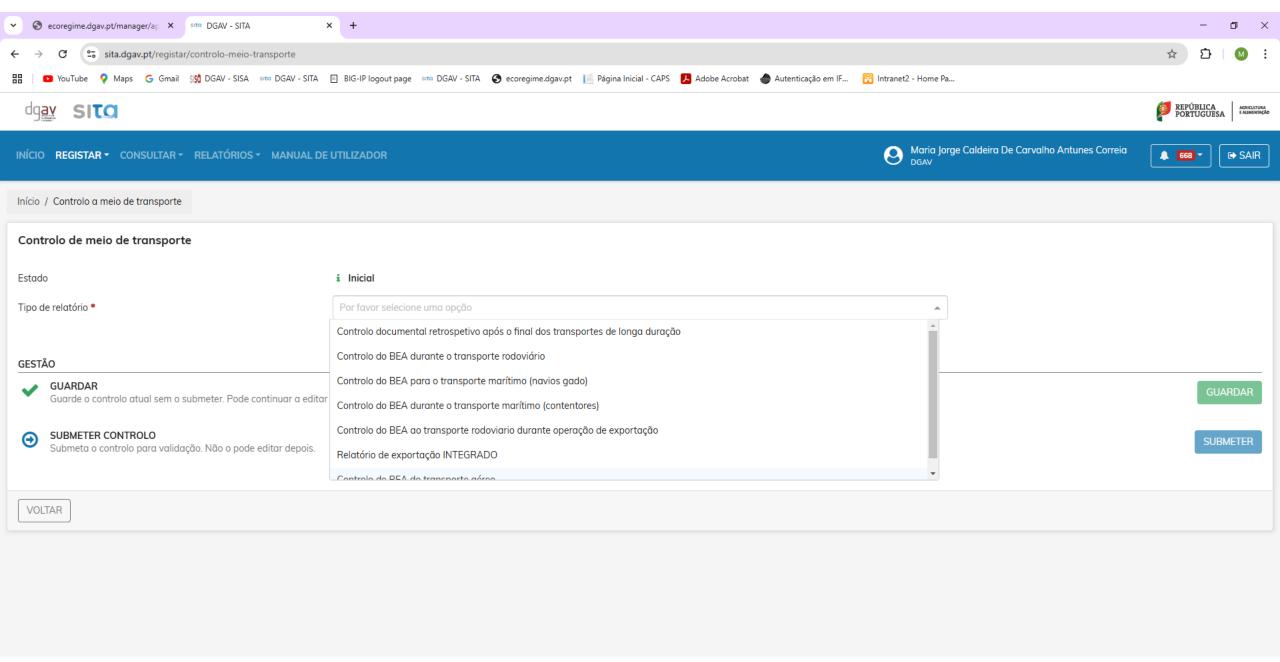
# Animal welfare Plan(PPA) 2022- 2025

**Objective** - Increase the number of retrospective checks on long-distance road journeys to third countries- road journeys to third countries

Indicator: Increase the number of retrospective checks on long-term transport by 50 per cent, on long-duration road journeys to third countries- Controls database

SITA- National transport database- Transporters authorisations; controls



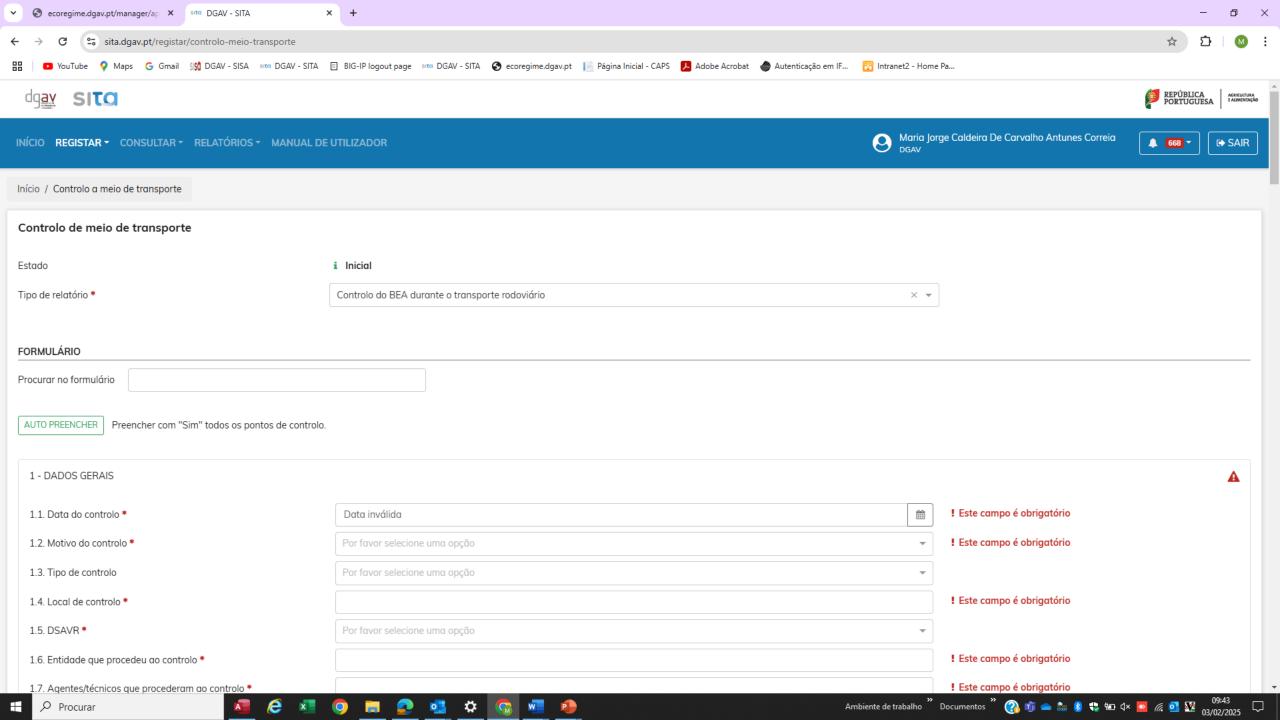


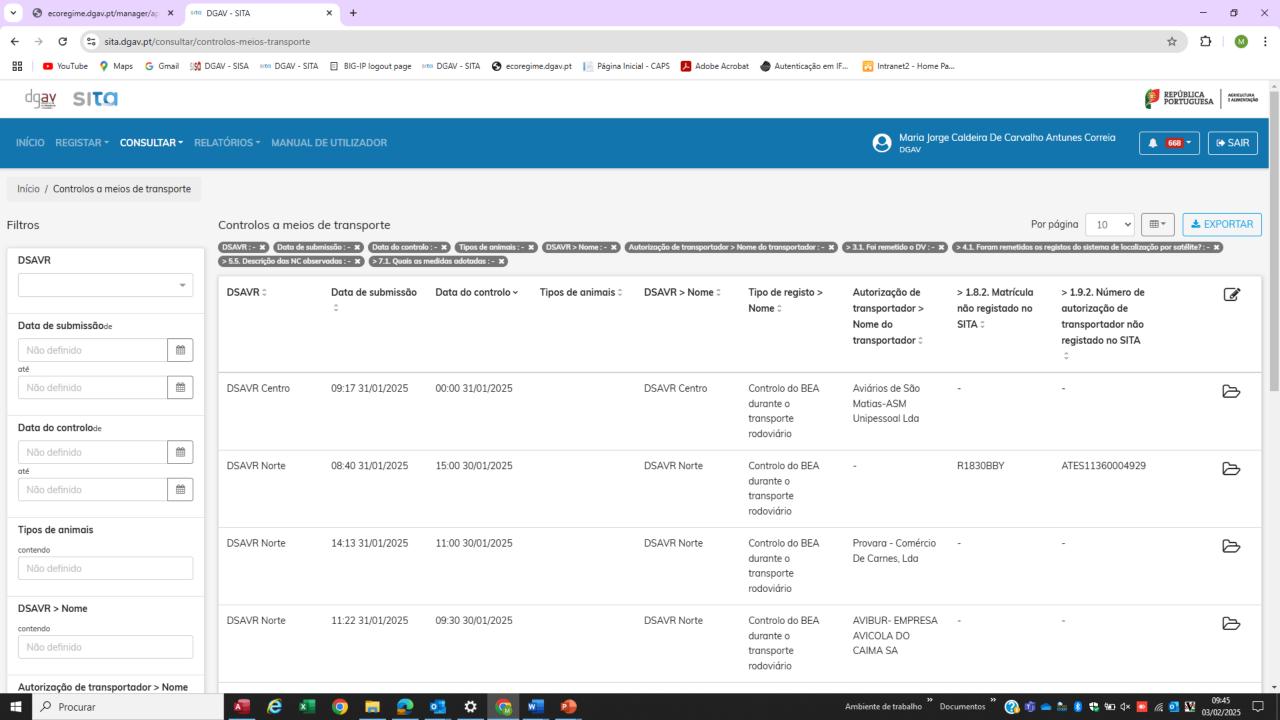
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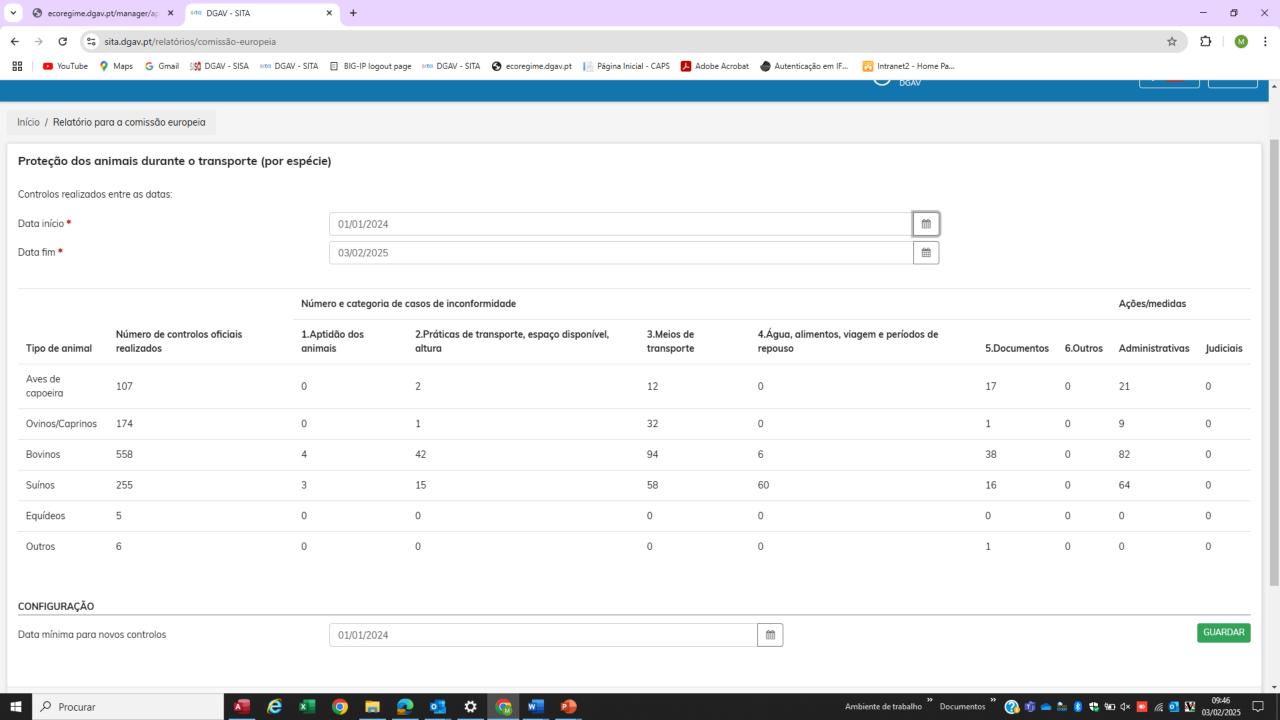














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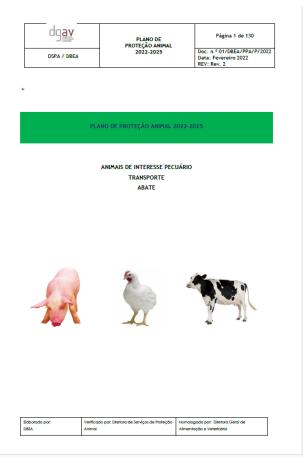
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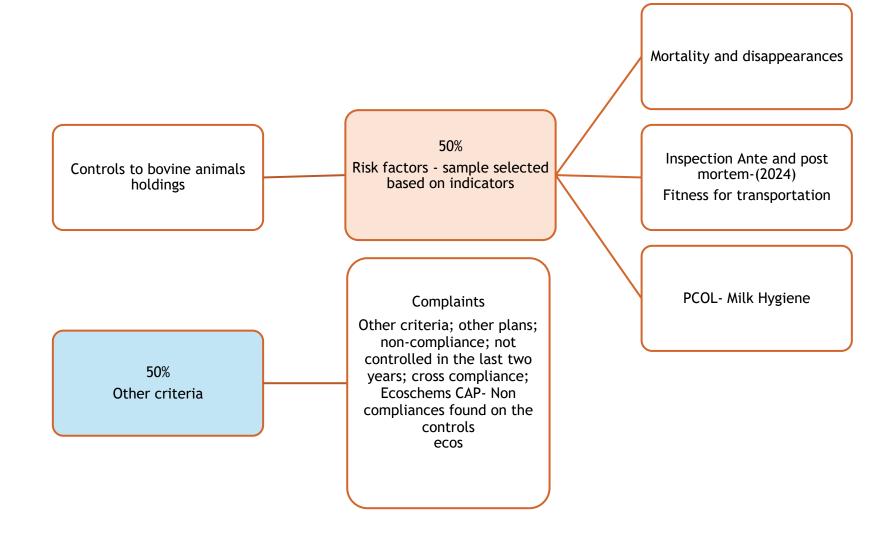
# **PPA-** Definition of the controls

 Farms- per specie; transports; slaughterhouse

 Frequency of the controls (higher frequency-higher risk- ex: slaughterhouses), selection of the farms/transports to be controlled based on the risk; check lists to be used; actions in case of non compliance; reporting of the data controls

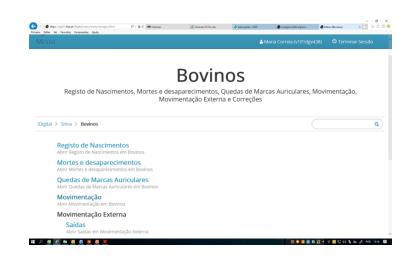
## **PPA - Ruminants**

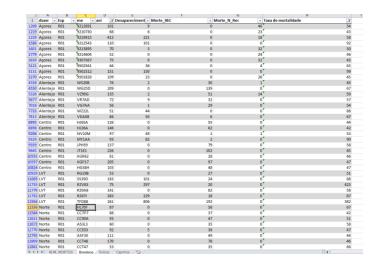




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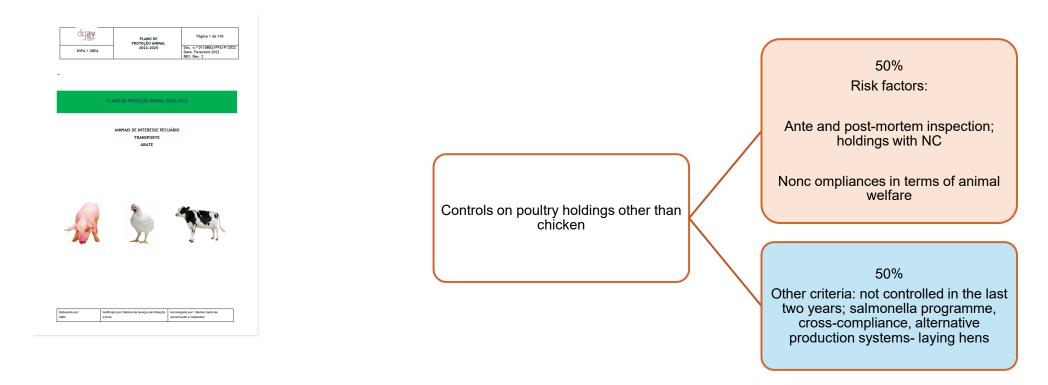
Details of dead animals (sent to the by-product treatment plant) and missing animals on the holding.





+/- 0%- of mortality
No. of suspect disapearances

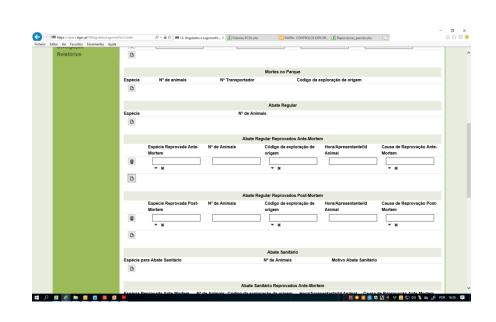
## Birds other than chickens

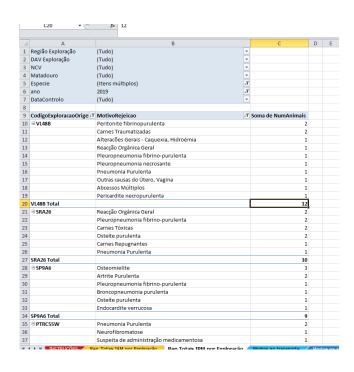


Other species - laying hens, breeding hens, turkeys, ducks

Chickens - results of the chicken welfare assessment system at the slaughterhouse- Farms with the worst results

# Information System of the Plan for the Approval and Control of Establishments - SIPACE





- ➤ Results of ante and post mortem inspection Higher rejection rates (no technopathies); related to Animal Welfare EX: trauma, cachexia, aerosaculitis, etc.Only for birds other than chickens
- Mortality during the transport only for birds other than chickens

#### Check lists

## exemple- broiler farms



1 - DADOS GERAIS



#### DIRECÇÃO DE SERVIÇOS DE SAÙDE E PROTECÇÃO ANIMAL

#### **RELATÓRIO DE CONTROLO**

#### PROTECÇÃO DOS FRANGOS NOS LOCAIS DE CRIAÇÃO

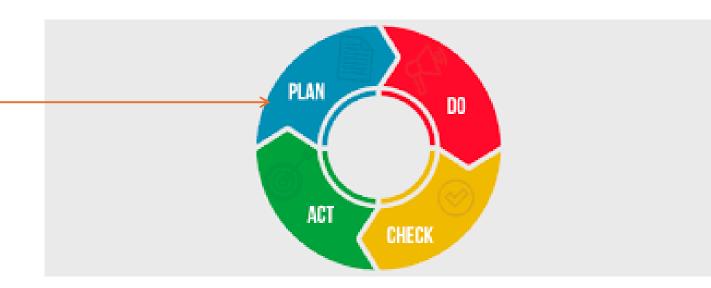
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DSVR			
Data do controlo // Técnicos que procederam ao controlo			
Tecnicos que procederam ao controlo			
2 – DADOS RELATIVOS À EXPLORAÇÃO			
Identificação da exploração			
Morada			
Tel· Fax: NIF·			
Detentor/integrado			
Nº de registo/marca			
№ de registoľmarca Veterinário responsável (quando aplicável)			_
3 – RECURSOS HUMANOS			
3 - RECORSOS HOMANOS			
REQUISITOS	Sim	Não	NA
Os animais são tratados por pessoal em nº suficiente (a)			
O pessoal possui capacidades adequadas (a)			
Os detentores possuem formação específica em Bem Estar dos			
frangos ou experiência profissional reconhecida (1)			
(1) Indique a Entidade que procedeu à formação (Se aplicável)			
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4 – INSPECÇÕES  REQUISITOS	Sim		N/
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#### For 2025...

Revising the animal welfare plan based on the results of the evaluation of the PPA 2024:

- Operational objectives
- Follow up actions
- Defining the farms and transports to be controlled



# Challanges on the monitoring and evaluation process

- Definition of the priorities, operational objectives and indicators- They have to be meaningful, realistic and measurable;
- Motivation of all the personnel to achieve the objectives- Veterinary services and operators
- Availability of the data- Implement new IT/Tools systems- Money and human resources;
- Lack of human resources to implement all the actions
- Time for monitoring and evaluation
- Sometimes we cannot see immediate results- in the same year we established the objectives and the actions. Does this mean that we need to revise immediately our objectives, indicators and actions?

#### But...

- we are aware that this is an important process to improve animal welfare!!
- It takes time, needs preparation and is a learning process



