

Country report on animal welfare during slaughter

Georgia

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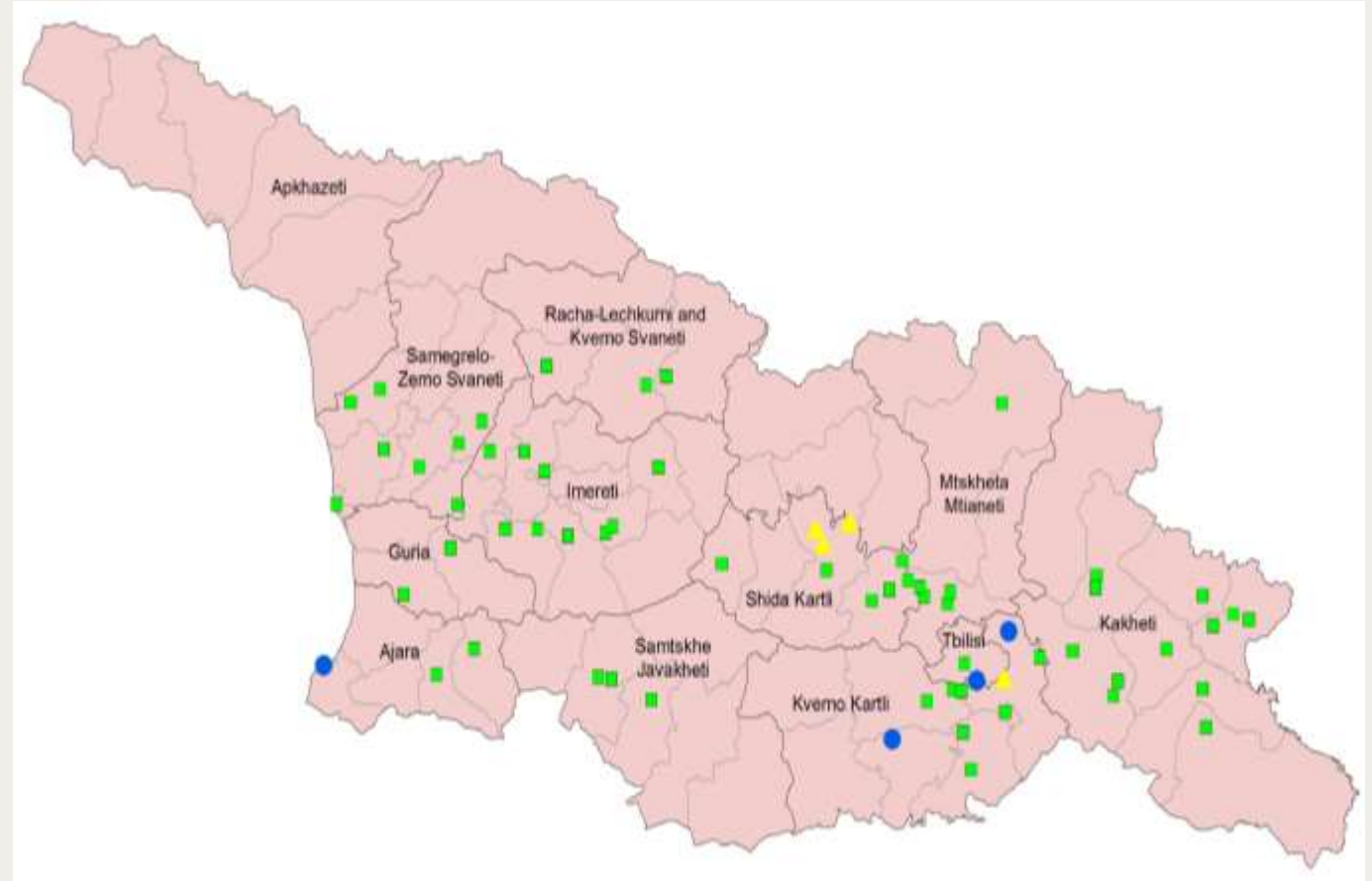


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Overview of the country's situation

- The territory of Georgia covers 69,700 km²
- 12 regions, 65 districts, 3211 villages
- Animals:
 - 848 000 Large Ruminant
 - 401 800 Small Ruminant
 - 213 600 Pigs
 - 9 406 400 Poultry
 - 14 000 Equines



Overview of the country's situation

In our country we have:

- 127 slaughterhouse
- Cattle, sheep, goat, pig, poultry and horse

Georgia have slaughtered in per year:

livestock – 171 696;
Sheep/goat – 50 753;
Pig – 289 818;
Poultry – 12 201 569;
Rabbit – 9622;
Equines – 32



Slaughterhouses in Georgia



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Regulatory framework and Competent Authority

Regulations on animal welfare during slaughter in your Georgia

- 1. Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific rules for the organization of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption – which is harmonized to Resolution No. 55 of the Government of Georgia of February 12, 2015;**
- 2. Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin - which is harmonized to Resolution No. 90 of the Government of Georgia of March 7, 2012;**
- 3. Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules - which is harmonized to Resolution No. 533 of the Government of Georgia of October 16, 2015.**

National animal welfare standards

- In Georgia we have requirements on animal welfare during slaughter in our country, including
- Stunning and bleeding
- Training and competency of personnel;
- HACCP requirement's;
- Standard operating procedure;
- Recording, reporting adverse incidents, and taking corrective actions;

Training a competency of slaughterhouse/abattoir personnel

Standards in slaughterhouses in Georgia

- HACCP
- HALAL

Restrain and stunning methods

- Mechanical methods;
- Head-only electrical stunning of animals.

Training and competency Veterinary Services

Till 2023 was actively conducted trainings about animal welfare in slaughterhouses which included transport of animal to slaughterhouse

- Trained 205 veterinarian
- 127 business operator
- More than 130 stakeholders

In 2023-2024 with the help of donor organization has been financed by USDA and conducted trainings for state veterinarians and staff of slaughterhouses regarding animal origin food safety standards



Implementation of the standards

We have **Resolution No.36 2023 of Georgian Government on Rules for Protection of Animal at the Time of Killing** - which is harmonized from - **Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products**

- This resolution shall enter into force on January 1, 2028.



Monitoring and evaluation

In Georgia Competent Authority (state veterinarian) is monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of standards on animal welfare during slaughter, effectiveness of the stunning and bleeding

- State veterinary surveillance in all slaughterhouses
- Pre and post slaughter surveillance
- Issuing veterinary certificate (form # 2)
- Approved for Halal
- Specified Risk Material (SRM) control for TSEs
- Hazzard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)
- Slaughterhouses nowadays don't collect data on animal welfare during slaughter,
- Slaughterhouses collecting date animal species and number of slaughtered animal.



Conclusions - gaps/weaknesses or challenges

Overall, in Georgia in compliance with the WOAHA standards regarding animal welfare during the slaughter.

Here are the list the main gaps, weaknesses and challenges:

- Trainings for Competent Authority (LEPL National Food Agency) and stakeholders (slaughterhouse business operators and staff) about animal welfare during the slaughter
- Lack of awareness of animal welfare while transporting animals to slaughterhouse



Conclusions - support requirements and next steps

Georgia need support and assistance for effectively implement:

- Theoretical and Practical trainings for Slaughterhouses personal

Make of National animal welfare action plan by experts

- National animal welfare training programs for Competent Authority, slaughterhouse and Veterinary Services;
- Awareness in welfare while transporting animals to slaughterhouse;

Government agencies are working with - educational sectors, business operators and stakeholders regarding to animal welfare in slaughterhouse, **Resolution No. 36** will enter into force on January 1, 2028, for that time Competent Authority, veterinarians, slaughterhouse business operators and personnel should get awareness trainings about animal welfare while slaughter.

Thank you

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