

Country report on animal welfare during slaughter

Republic of North Macedonia

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Overview of the country's situation

24 approved slaughterhouses from which 4 is approved for EU

3 slaughterhouses for poultry

1 slaughterhouse for rabbits

Year	Cattle	Lambs	Pigs	Poultry
2020	7.758	197.231	213.605	857.529
2021	7.897	270.491	215.980	1.617.623
2022	6.213	232.361	207.715	1.516.294
2023	5.702	204.158	204.158	832.786
2024	4.213	206.004	203.858	916.920

Regulatory framework and Competent Authority(ies)

- Competent authority is the Food and Veterinary Agency
- **Law on animal protection and welfare**
- **Book of rules on animal welfare during killing**



National animal welfare standards

The national animal welfare standards (legislation) is equivalent to the EU legislation on animal welfare (Council regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/723 of 16 May 2018 amending Annexes I and II to Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing as regards the approval of low atmospheric pressure stunning)



Training a competency of slaughterhouse/abattoir personnel

The Faculty of veterinary medicine Skopje is authorized by the Food and veterinary agency to conduct training and to issue the certificate of competence



Training and competency Veterinary Services

Official Veterinarians (Doctors of veterinary medicine)

- *Manuals issued by the Food and veterinary agency*
- *Trainings organized by the Food and veterinary agency,*
- *WOAH trainings*
- *BTSF trainings*
- *TAIEX*



Implementation of the standards

- Regular checks by the official vet at the slaughterhouse-regular official controls. The official veterinarian is present on unloading, ante mortem check in the animal depo at the slaughterhouse and also regular checks are performed on the site for stunning and bleeding of animals. ISO standard of the FVA/specific check list on animal welfare requirements in the slaughterhouses.
- Trained personnel in the slaughterhouse



Monitoring and evaluation



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за преглед на линијата за колење и благосостојба при колење на животни



Број на записник:		Книга на евиденција Реден број	
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ОПЕРАТОР - Кланица		Претставник на оператор	
ЕДБ		Матичен Број	
Услужно колење за оператор-			
-	Основни податоци		
1	Вид на животни		
2	Бројна состојба		
3	Придружни документи		
		Оценка за несообразност	1. Забелешка 2. Прилог 3. Корективен запис
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A	Животни		
1	Визуелен преглед		
2	Обележување на животните		
3	Придружна документација		
4	Здравствена состојба		
5	Благосостојба на животните		
B	Линија на колење		
1	Опрема за фиксирање и зашметување		
2	Функционалност на линијата		
3	Генерална хигиена на објектот и површините		
4	Хигиенски статус на персоналот		
5	Функционалност на опремата		
6	Хигиена на опремата и алатите		
7	Стерилизатори		
B	Отстранување на нус производи		
1	Поставена опрема, контејнери за отстранување на нуспроизводи по		

Monitoring and evaluation

It is not simple to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of standards on animal welfare from the central level. Establishment of an electronic database is needed where the official vet will enter the data from the official check (electronic check list)

At this moment the data of official checks are entered manually into the check lists. For example 230 official controls in 2024 are performed (annual plan of the inspection department).

On central level **only the number of performed controls and eventual number of taken corrective measures is collected**, the actual check list is filled and archived at the local official veterinarian

Monitoring and evaluation

Animal welfare strategy and action plan.

The Food and veterinary agency in 2018 issued a three year animal welfare strategy

After a careful evaluation of the current situation in the field of animal welfare in Macedonia, the following topics has been identified as the ones, which need particular attention.

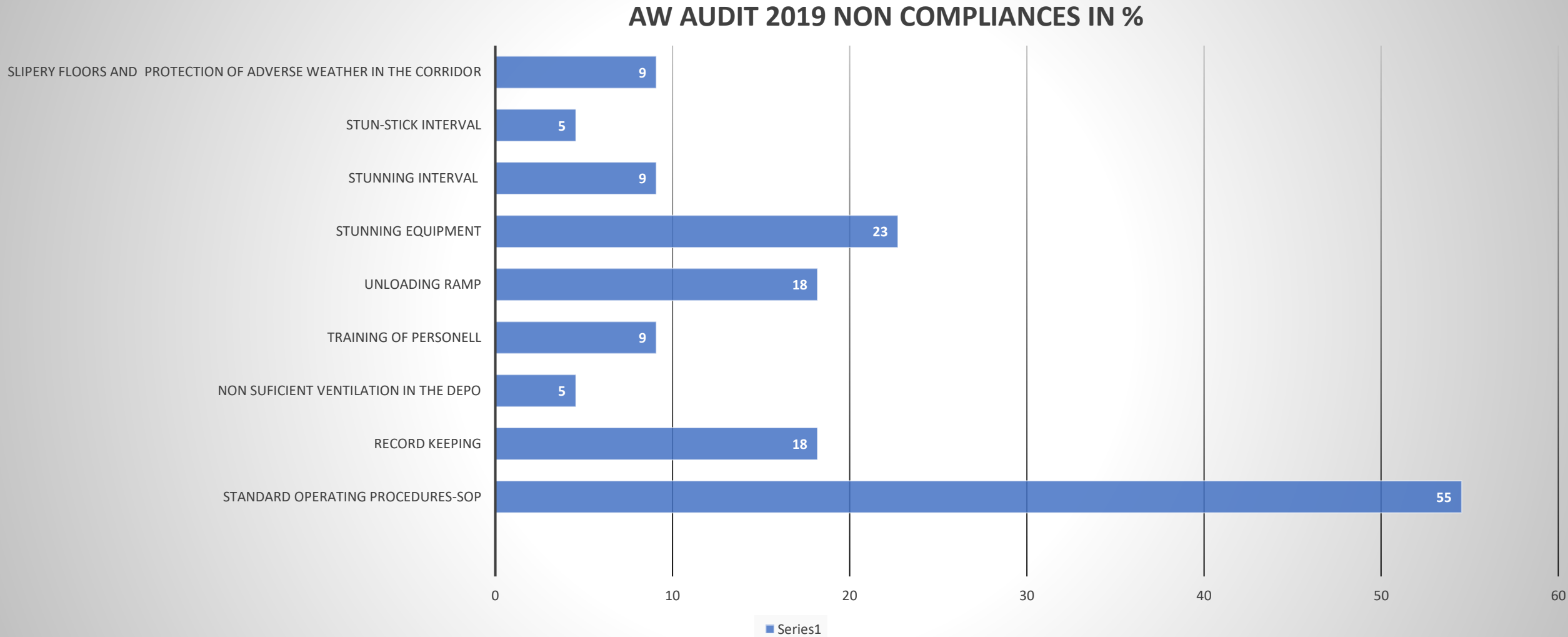
1. Transport of live animals (Regulation (EC) No 1/2005);
2. Welfare of laying hens (Directive 1999/74/EC);
- 3. Animal welfare at the time of killing (Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009) in the focus of slaughtering lambs;**
4. Stray dog control;
5. Raising awareness for general animal welfare principles.

Monitoring and evaluation

AUDITS on animal welfare during slaughtering

Central office of the FVA (2 AUDIT teams)

Results from the AUDIT on animal welfare in slaughterhouses





Conclusions - gaps/weaknesses or challenges

- Lack of working force and personnel (official veterinarians, qualified personnel in the slaughterhouses etc.)
- Lack of establishment of comprehensive system for monitoring and evaluation of implementation of animal welfare legislation at the slaughterhouses.
- Organizing continuous topic training of official veterinarians is a challenge.

Conclusions - support requirements and next steps

- Adaptation of Veterinary informative system, a module for electronical check lists so the data can be entered (further analysis will be much easier and simple)
- Sharing best experience and practices with countries which have advanced system yet established
- Organisation of continuous topic training for official veterinarians and personnel in the slaughterhouses (Animal welfare officers)
- WOAHO PVS mission???

Thank you



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