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Suggestions for modifying Annex II of regulation (EC) N° 1099/2009

on the specific requirements of electrical stunning equipment

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Annex II, point 4.1.

"4.1. Electrical stunning equipment shall be fitted with a device which displays and records the details of the electrical key parameters for each animal stunned. The device shall be placed so as to be clearly visible to the personnel and shall give a clearly visible and audible warning if the duration of exposure falls below the required level. These records shall be kept for at least one year."





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1- Suggestion for easing the specific requirements for small slaughterhouses

remove the obligation to record electrical key parameters

use of head-only electrical stunning :

- individual operation for each animal
- easier to check the essential parameters for ensuring effective stunning :
 - *direct reading while the animal is exposed to the electric signal*
 - *observing the animals handled individually*





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use of head-only electrical stunning :

- no shackling (*painful process*)
- to ensure the pertinent use of the recorded electronic parameter, it is necessary to make the connection with the specific characteristics of each animal (*record them manually*)





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for slaughterhouses slaughtering less than 1,000 livestock units of mammals (#30) or 150,000 birds or rabbits a year (#20 excluding direct supply of small quantities)

→ no animal welfare officer so recordings cannot be used





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1- Suggestion for easing the specific requirements for small slaughterhouses

With a view to administrative simplification and for encouraging the most effective stunning methods without disregarding the monitoring of their effectiveness

Proposal : removing the obligation to record electrical key parameters for slaughterhouses slaughtering less than 1,000 livestock units of mammals or 150,000 birds or rabbits per year (provided for in Article 17 point 6)





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2- Suggestion for removing the obligation for a clearly audible warning from the specific requirements applicable to head-only electrical stunning equipment

- the slaughterhouse is a noisy environment
- stunning equipment close to live animals

A clearly audible warning may act as another source of stress for the animals, which may in turn result in less effective stunning.

► *visible warning can be enough*





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2- Suggestion for removing the obligation for a clearly audible warning

from the specific requirements applicable to head-only electrical stunning equipment

Proposal : removing the obligation for an audible warning in the specific requirements applicable to head-only electrical stunning equipment

