



Report on the depopulation operations carried out in Denmark during 2013



30 June 2014

According to article 18 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing the competent authority shall by 30 June each year transmit to the Commission a report on the depopulation operations carried out during the previous year and make it publicly available via the Internet.

With regards to each depopulation operation, the report shall include:

- (a) the reasons for the depopulation;
- (b) the number and the species of animals killed;
- (c) the stunning and killing methods used;
- (d) a description of the difficulties encountered and, where appropriate, solutions found to alleviate or minimise the suffering of the animals concerned;
- (e) any derogation granted in accordance with paragraph 3.

The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration is the competent authority in Denmark, and hereby report to the Commission two cases of depopulation in 2013.

Case 1:

On the 2nd of June 2013 Denmark experienced one outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza, H7. Therefore 196 hens, 16 gees and 4906 ducks were killed using a lethal injection. The killing was carried out as planned by the local veterinary authorities and there were no difficulties encountered.

Case 2:

A poultry breeding flock (CHR 19921) was depopulated due to an infection with Salmonella Typhimurium. The owner of the poultry breeding flock "Danhatch A/S", Røjle hønseri Aps, situated at Røjle Bygade 106, DK-5500 Middelfart, was declared infected with Salmonella Typhimurium DT 41 on the 4th of December 2013. The owner was ordered to destruct or slaughter the animals.

The flock consisting of 31.900 animals was transported and slaughtered at GETI WILBA und CO KG, Oxterweg, 27478 Cuxhaven, Stadt, Germany on the 9th-11th of December 2013. The slaughtering was ordered by Danhatch A/S.

The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration have not been able to receive specific information from the slaughterhouse about the slaughtering process of the specific poultry flock and therefore we do not have any knowledge on the slaughtering and stunning method used.