

# Questionnaire about Animal Welfare Initiative Programme 2018 - 2020

## Poultry farming

In the following we have compiled frequently asked questions and the appropriate answers concerning participation in the Animal Welfare Initiative for poultry farming.

### *Registration process*

#### *When can I register for the new programme (duration 2018 – 2020)?*

All companies, which would like to participate in the programme 2018 – 2020 (also applies for already participating companies), contact the responsible marketer as well as the coordinator as soon as possible. Signing of a new participation form (incl. annexes) is obligatorily necessary for the participation in the new programme. These are deposited on the websites.

If your coordinator has received the signed participation form, he will register your location in the database of the Animal Welfare Initiative. The selection of companies for the start of the new programme 2018 – 2020 will take place in October 2017 throughout the marketers. Therefore all interested fatteners should register at the coordinator until the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017. After that broiler and turkey fatteners can register further on, they can get an entitlement for the Animal Welfare Initiative depending on the need of the marketer.

#### *Do participating companies in the current programme have to register again?*

Yes, all companies, which would like to participate, have to register at their coordinator again with signing a new participation form. This applies for companies, which are already participating as well as for companies, which are on the waiting list until now or which newly decided to take part in the Animal Welfare Initiative.

This new registration is necessary, because the requirements in the new programme have changed and therefore new contracts for the participation will be concluded, which consider the new frameworks.

#### *Which implementation date can I choose?*

In the initial phase the implementation date has to be between the end of the registration phase and 31<sup>th</sup> March 2018. After the expiration of the initial phase the implementation date has to be within a period of 5 months after registration.

#### *Does the two-year-ban for deregistration of the programme 2015 – 2017 apply for the new programme as well?*

No, all farms can register newly.

#### *Understand Report of number of animals*

Participating companies have the possibility to receive a direct access to the quantity reports. The notified quantities from the abattoir can be seen there. In order to receive access to the database, please contact your coordinator.

## *Changes in comparison to the programme 2015 - 2017*

### *List of criteria – Shed climate- and drinking water check*

For the programme 2018 – 2020 all poultry companies have to show in addition to the basic requirement a shed climate- and drinking water check of a registered expert at the sponsoring company.

### *Who may carry out the shed climate check?*

External qualified persons, who have been registered at the operating company of the Animal Welfare Initiative. All approved experts for the shed climate check are published on a list under <https://initiative-tierwohl.de/downloads/>. Please note that besides the shed climate experts for the Animal Welfare Initiative Poultry also those shed climate experts for the Animal Welfare Initiative Pig are published on that list.

### *Corrective measures on QS basic criteria*

For some accordingly marked basic criteria, corrective actions with deadlines can be agreed. If corrective actions are agreed, the company still participates in the Animal Welfare Initiative. The corrective actions must be implemented on time. The deviations must be solved immediately by the livestock owner, wherefore the deadlines for the implementation of the corrective actions must be appropriately short.

Important to note: From the point where the audit report was released until the point where the certification body resolves the corrective action, the location is not entitled to receive animal welfare payment (see inspection system).

### *Notification of kilogram live weights changed*

Livestock owners do not have to notify the slaughtered kg live weight to the coordinator anymore. In the future the marketing to a registered slaughterhouse (see list of registered slaughterhouses on the website) is enough. The slaughterhouse reports the quantity of kilogram live weight of the marketed batch directly to the clearing house of the Animal Welfare Initiative.

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