

RAWA

Risk-based Animal Welfare Assessment

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What is Risk Assessment?

RA is a systematic scientific procedure to help decision makers in a given situation. Methodology is being developed in the area of Animal Welfare.

Why should we assess AW risks?

- Consumer concern
- Efficient use of resources
- Increases our knowledge about AW
- Legislation

Project rationale and objectives

The EU Hygiene Package requires Member States to carry out a regular, risk-based official AW control. The project aims to produce information which will allow the Swedish Board of Agriculture, as well as other authorities and producer organisations, to enforce current regulations.

The scheme currently being developed involves hazard quantification by experts and stakeholders, the allocation of points and the ranking of Swedish operations for keeping, handling or transporting domestic animals (control objects). Comparisons are made with other Member States.

Above all, the scheme needs to be transparent, trustworthy and flexible to achieve a wide acceptance among stakeholders and – in the end – effectively secure good AW.

Collaboration and consultation

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