

FVO findings on the implementation of EU requirements on group housing of sows.



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Member State implementation

2001
Dir. 2001/88

2003
MS law

2005
FVO audits

First series of audits in 2005

The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Latvia, Poland and Estonia

Conclusion

Group housing of sows was only well established where national provisions pre-dated the EU requirements

2005 to 2012

- ☑ *The welfare of pigs has been included in FVO audits in All Member States.*
- ☑ *All CA instructions for inspections cover group housing of sows.*



Performance of Competent Authorities

- ☑ *In NL large fines imposed where sow stall systems installed after 1.1.2003.*
- ☑ *CZ and IT had already categorised farms (stalls/groups)*
- 🇩🇪 *Some difficulties in Germany due to late transposition of the legislation.*
- ☑ *Planning approval*
 - ☑ **Ensures requirements met at construction.**
 - 🇩🇪 **Some delays.**

- ☑ Dry sow stalls were not a usual part of the husbandry systems in many of the Member States which joined the EU in 2004 and 2007.



Future FVO audits

Audits in 2012 will continue to assess at all levels the actions taken by Member States to obtain compliance by 2013.

Our involvement in 2013 will be depend on the level of compliance.

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