

METHOD OF UNITARY ASSESSMENT OF THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS IN SHELTERS

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Abstract

The aim of the paper is to propose a method of unitary assessment of the welfare of food domestic animals exploited in shelters, an assessment that we consider mandatory to be made according to clear and non-subjective criteria, for all farmers in the European Union, who can benefit from welfare subsidies animal. The key to the example is based on the hygienic microclimate norms in shelters known in Romania and involves current determinations, using various methods, for the considered aerogenic environmental factors. Applying this method is achieved: a ranking of factors according to their ability to influence the welfare of organisms, by the maximum score given in the assessment and respectively the decrease scores given in case of deviations from their standard or recommended conditions and is highlighted synthetically and obviously the minimum insured factor (s) and the size of the deviation it records. This creates the conditions for a timely management and correction of these factors, with a speed and economic efficiency that meets the current requirements of economic competitiveness while maintaining a permanent high level of animal welfare.

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