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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késésekét - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2026/0384/AT - C00A - AGRICULTURE, FISHING AND FOODSTUFFS

5. AMA Quality Seal Guideline for Turkey Fattening - Amendment

6. Primary Products and Foodstuffs

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8. The AMA Quality Seal Guideline for Turkey Fattening is amended as follows:

- More frequent mandatory professional training for the persons who care for the animals and the establishment of backup care arrangements.
- Definition of prohibited procedures (for example, a ban on beak trimming).
- Use of exclusively deforestation-free soy.
- Confirmation of theoretical and practical training on emergency slaughter using the information sheet "Emergency Slaughter in Turkeys".
- Requirements for barn access to prevent unauthorized persons and animals from entering.
- Voluntary additional module "Animal Husbandry Plus" with additional animal husbandry requirements:
 - Annual inspection of the module's requirements.
 - Stocking requirements: The legally mandated maximum stocking density of 40 kg/m² of usable floor space per housing unit for fattening turkeys in Austria must be maintained throughout the entire fattening period.
 - The turkeys must be provided with enrichment elements.
 - Daylight must be available in the barn for at least 2% of the barn floor area.
 - For every 400 m² of barn floor space (or part thereof), at least one suitable enrichment material made of changeable and consumable material (e.g., straw bales, pecking stones, suitable organic material, fresh straw as additional bedding) must be provided.
 - Mandatory participation in an animal health monitoring programme.
- Optional supplementary module "Animal Husbandry plus Outdoor Climate," which builds upon the supplementary module "Animal Husbandry plus" and includes additional requirements for animal husbandry:
 - Stocking requirements: The maximum stocking density of 37 kg/m² for hens and 38.5 kg/m² for toms per usable area per housing unit for fattening turkeys must be maintained throughout the entire fattening period.
 - Covered outdoor climate area comprising at least 25% of the barn floor area.
 - As structural elements, fattening turkeys must also be provided with elevated areas comprising at least 10% of the barn floor area.
 - Daylight must be available in the barn for at least 3% of the barn floor area.
 - For every 400 m² of barn floor area (or part thereof), at least two suitable enrichment materials made of changeable and consumable material (e.g., straw bales, pecking stones, suitable organic material, fresh straw as additional bedding) must be provided.
 - Requirements for breeding lines: Turkeys may be fattened either with a maximum weight gain of 110 g per day or with a minimum slaughter age of 100 days (hens) or 140 days (toms).
 - Provision of grit (e.g., gastroliths, oyster shell grit).
- Optional additional module "Animal Husbandry Plus – Outdoor Access/Pasture," which builds upon the additional module "Animal Husbandry Plus Outdoor Climate" and includes additional animal husbandry requirements:
 - Stocking requirements: The maximum stocking density of 35 kg/m² of usable area per housing unit for fattening turkeys must be maintained throughout the entire fattening period.
 - Outdoor access on unpaved ground (green outdoor run) of at least 10 m² per fattening turkey. Protective plants or technical elements must ensure that the entire outdoor run is used by the animals and that the

vegetation cover and grass cover are protected.

9. The AMA Quality Seal Guideline for Turkey Fattening sets out the production requirements and thus defines the quality characteristics of the products. Compliance with the requirements is monitored by

- self-monitoring by the manufacturers and licensees,
- accredited inspection bodies, and
- system controls by AMA Marketing, the operator of the quality seal system.

By establishing regulations for production that exceed the legal standard and by monitoring compliance with these regulations, it is ensured that the products meet the required and consumer-expected quality standards.

The additional modules include higher animal welfare standards and thus address the increasingly higher consumer expectations for animal-friendly husbandry.

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9b. The AMA Quality Seal Guidelines are open to producers from all Member States; all producers can participate in the AMA Quality Seal system. The notified draft therefore does not result in any restrictions on the internal market.

The existing legal regulations are insufficient to meet the demand from producers and consumers for quality products because they only offer a basic level of quality. On the one hand, consumers demand higher-quality products, and the quality seal system satisfies this demand. On the other hand, higher-quality products also allow for a higher price and contribute to higher incomes for producers.

Consumer demands regarding quality and, in particular, animal welfare standards are constantly evolving, with expectations rising ever higher. These changing consumer expectations must be addressed by amending the AMA Quality Seal Guidelines for Turkey Fattening.

Participation in the AMA Quality Seal programme is voluntary; it is not mandatory.

9c. There is no excessive burden. Participation in the AMA Quality Seal programme is voluntary. Inspections are risk-based and generally conducted annually.

10. Reference to the basic texts: The basic texts were submitted as part of a previous notification:
2018/0438/A

11. No

12.

13. No

14. No

15. No

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TBT aspects: No

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