
Legislation, Codes and Standards for the Egg industry around our nation

Under the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy, Model Codes will be replaced with nationally agreed Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines. The standards will be mandatory in all states and territories.

The Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for poultry are expected for endorsement by AGMIN mid-2021.

Following is a listing of legislation that may impact or should be known to egg farmers along with other helpful information pertaining to the state of your egg farming operation.

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All states

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<i>The Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals: Domestic Poultry</i>	https://www.publish.csiro.au/book/3451/
<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i>	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2020C002915
<i>Biosecurity Act 2015 - The Biosecurity Regulations 2016 (administered by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)</i>	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020C00411
<i>Biosecurity Act 2015 - The Biosecurity (Human Health) Regulations 2016 (administered by the Department of Health)</i>	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2018C00742
<i>Export Control Act 1982</i>	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2020C00216
<i>Export Control (Eggs and Egg Products) Orders 2005</i>	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019C00845
<i>FSANZ - Food Standards Australia New Zealand - Food safety standards for eggs and egg products – All egg producers must comply with Standard 4.2.5 – Primary Production and Processing Standard for Eggs and Egg Products</i>	https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/primaryproduction/egg/Pages/default.aspx

Legislation/Regulation/Code	Link
APVMA – Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	https://apvma.gov.au/
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1994	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2020C00221
<i>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Regulations 1999</i>	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F1999B00332
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2016C00999
<i>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Regulations 1995</i>	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020C00672
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2019C00062
<i>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Regulations 1995</i>	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020C00739
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Act 1994	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2014C00772
<i>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Regulations 1995</i>	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019C00264

NSW Legislation

Legislation/Regulation/Code	Link
Agricultural Industry Services Act 1998 No 45	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/agricultural-industry-services
Agricultural Livestock (Disease Control Funding) Act 1998 No 139	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/agricultural-livestock-disease-control-funding
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (New South Wales) Act 1994	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/agricultural-and-veterinary-chemicals
Animal Research Act 1985	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/animal-research
Biological Control Act 1985 No 199	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/biological-control
Biosecurity Act 2015	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/biosecurity-act-2015
Farm Debt Mediation Act 1994 No 91	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/farm-debt-mediation
Farm Water Supplies Act 1946 No 22	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/farm-water-supplies
Food Act 2003	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/food
Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002 No 64	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/game-feral-animal-control
Local Land Services Act 2013 No 51	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/local-land-services
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/prevention-cruelty-animals
Rural Assistance Act 1989 No 97	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/rural-assistance

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Stock Medicines Act 1989	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/stock-medicines
Veterinary Practice Act 2003	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/legislation/list/veterinary-practice
Other General Advice	
<i>Advice for veterinarians on drug use and withholding periods in (backyard) poultry</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/withholding-periods
<i>Avian influenza</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/avian-influenza
<i>Disease control, parasites, predators and cannibalism in pheasants</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/disease-control-for-pheasants
<i>Good Management Practices (GMPs) for egg producers</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/good-management-practices-for-egg-producers
<i>Infra-red brooding of intensive livestock</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/infra-red-brooding
<i>National Salmonella Enteritidis Monitoring & Accreditation Program (NSEMAP)</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/national-salmonella-enteritidis-monitoring-and-accreditation-program
<i>Joint-NSW/VIC Salmonella Pullorum Monitoring & Accreditation Program (J-NSW/VIC SPMAP)</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/jnswvic-spmap
<i>Moving poultry into and within NSW</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/moving-poultry

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<i>Newcastle disease</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/newcastle-disease
<i>NSW biosecurity guidelines for free range poultry farms</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/biosecurity-free-range-poultry
<i>Poultry litter/manure and BSE controls for carriers and spreaders</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/poultry-litter-manure-bse-controls
<i>Poultry producers and BSE controls</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/poultry-producers-bse-controls
<i>Prevent the spread of Salmonella Enteritidis (PDF, 195.1 KB)</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/885718/prevent-the-spread-of-salmonella-enteritidis.pdf
<i>Recognising exotic diseases of birds</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/recognising-exotic-diseases-of-birds
<i>Rodent control and Salmonella Enteritidis (PDF, 236.8 KB)</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/916950/rodent-control-and-salmonella-enteritidis.pdf
<i>Salmonella Enteritidis</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/salmonella-enteritidis
<i>The general biosecurity duty and poultry producers</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/health-disease/the-general-biosecurity-duty-and-poultry-producers
Poultry keeping environment	

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<i>Egg production systems in Australia</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/poultry-planning-and-keeping/poultry-keeping-environment/egg-production-systems
<i>Infra-red brooding of intensive livestock</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/poultry-planning-and-keeping/poultry-keeping-environment/infra-red-brooding
<i>Alternative litter materials for poultry</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/poultry-planning-and-keeping/poultry-keeping-environment/litter-materials
<i>Guard animals for livestock protection: existing and potential use in Australia</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/sheep/management/general-information/guard-animals
Production on a small scale	
<i>Poultry keeping on a small scale</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/production-small-scale/poultry-keeping-small-scale
<i>Small-scale poultry keeping - feeding</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/production-small-scale/feeding
<i>Small-scale poultry keeping - brooding and rearing chickens</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/production-small-scale/brooding-rearing
<i>Small-scale poultry keeping - housing layers</i>	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/poultry-and-birds/production-small-scale/housing-layers
<i>Building the poultry penthouse</i>	https://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/legacy/publications/list/animals/poultry-penthouse
<i>Getting started in free range poultry book</i>	https://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/publications/animals/poultry-agguide-free-range

SA Legislation

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Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (South Australia) Act 1994	https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/AGRICULTURAL%20AND%20VETERINARY%20CHEMICALS%20(SOUTH%20AUSTRALIA)%20ACT%201994.aspx
Agricultural and Veterinary Products (Control of Use) Act 2002	https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/AGRICULTURAL%20AND%20VETERINARY%20PRODUCTS%20(CONTROL%20OF%20USE)%20ACT%202002.aspx
Biological Control Act 1986	http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/BIOLOGICAL CONTROL ACT 1986.aspx
Impounding Act 1920	http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/IMPOUNDING ACT 1920.aspx
Livestock Act 1997	http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/LIVESTOCK ACT 1997.aspx
Primary Industry Funding Schemes Act 1998	https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/PRIMARY%20INDUSTRY%20FUNDING%20SCHEMES%20ACT%201998.aspx
Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) Act 2004	https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/PRIMARY%20PRODUCE%20(FOOD%20SAFETY%20SCHEMES)%20ACT%202004.aspx
Primary Producers Emergency Assistance Act 1967	https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/PRIMARY%20PRODUCERS%20EMERGENCY%20ASSISTANCE%20ACT%201967.aspx
Rural Industry Adjustment and Development Act 1985	https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/RURAL%20INDUSTRY%20ADJUSTMENT%20AND%20DEVELOPMENT%20ACT%201985.aspx
Veterinary Practice Act 2003	http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/VETERINARY PRACTICE ACT 2003.aspx
General Information	

Legislation/Regulation/Code	Link
<i>Poultry – Health, movement, AI, Producing</i>	https://pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal_health/poultry
**NOTE: New Biosecurity Act currently being developed	

QLD Legislation

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Environmental Protection Act 1994	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1994-062
Vegetation Management Act 1999	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1999-090
Nature Conservation Act 1992	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1992-020
Water Act 2000	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2000-034
Animal Care and Protection Act 2001	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2001-064
Biosecurity Act 2014	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2014-007
Agricultural Chemicals Distribution Control Act 1966	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1966-027
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Queensland) Act 1994	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1994-078
Animal Care and Protection Act 2001	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2001-064
Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2008-074
Biological Control Act 1987	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1987-051
Biosecurity Act 2014	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2014-007

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Chemical Usage (Agricultural and Veterinary) Control Act 1988	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1988-103
Drugs and Misuse Act 1986 (Part 5B only)	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1986-036
Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936	https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1936-017
General Information	
<i>Safe Food Queensland</i>	https://www.safefood.qld.gov.au/food-business/accreditation/egg-scheme/
<i>Starting a poultry farm in QLD</i>	https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/livestock/poultry/poultry-farming-queensland/starting-poultry-farm

WA Legislation

Legislation/Regulation/Code	Link
Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (BAM) Act and Regulations	https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/law_a146629.html
<i>Subsidiary legislation as made under the BAM Act</i>	https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/law_a146629_subsidary.html
Exotic Diseases of Animals Act, 1993	https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/law_a261.html
Animal Welfare Act, 2002	https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/law_a4340.html
Veterinary Chemical Control and Animal Feeding Stuffs Act, 1976	https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/law_a854.html
General Information	
<i>DPIRD – Agriculture and Food</i>	https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/bam/biosecurity-and-agriculture-management-act-2007
<i>DPIRD – Poultry and Birds</i>	https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/livestock-animals/livestock-species/poultry-birds

TAS Legislation

Legislation/Regulation/Code	Link
Primary Produce Safety Act 2011	https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2011-036
<i>Primary Produce Safety (Egg) Regulations 2014</i>	https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sr-2014-151
Food Act 2003	https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2003-008
Animal Health Act 1995	https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1995-085
General Information	
<i>Biosecurity, Poultry and Pet Birds</i>	https://dpiw.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/animal-biosecurity/animal-health/poultry-and-pigeons/biosecurity-poultry-and-pet-birds
<i>Australian Eggs</i>	https://www.australianeggs.org.au/for-farmers/

VIC Legislation

Legislation/Regulation/Code	Link
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986	https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/prevention-cruelty-animals-act-1986/096
<i>Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Domestic Fowl) Regulations 2016</i>	https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/statutory-rules/prevention-cruelty-animals-domestic-fowl-regulations-2016/001
Impounding of Livestock Act 1994	https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/impounding-livestock-act-1994/038
Livestock Management Act 2010	https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/livestock-management-act-2010/006
Livestock Disease Control Act 1994	https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/livestock-disease-control-act-1994/080
Standards and Codes of Practice	
<i>The Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Poultry outlines the minimum standards acceptable for the welfare and husbandry of domestic poultry</i>	https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-welfare-victoria/pocta-act-1986/victorian-codes-of-practice-for-animal-welfare/code-of-accepted-farming-practice-for-the-welfare-of-poultry
<i>The Land Transport Standards outline the minimum standards required when transporting poultry by road, rail or on a vehicle aboard a ship</i>	https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-welfare-victoria/pocta-act-1986/land-transport-of-livestock-standards-and-guidelines
Agriculture Victoria - Food safety management statement template	https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/word_doc/0010/577990/Food-safety-management-statement.docx