

## CHAPTER 8

### ANIMAL WELFARE

#### ARTICLE 8.1

##### Objective

The objective of this Chapter is to enhance cooperation between the Parties on animal welfare of farmed animals with a view to facilitating trade between the Parties.

## ARTICLE 8.2

### General provisions and cooperation

1. The Parties recognise that animals are sentient beings.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Parties acknowledge that their farming practices are substantively different but recognise that their respective animal welfare standards and associated systems provide comparable animal welfare outcomes.
3. The Parties shall make best endeavours to cooperate in international fora to promote the development and implementation of science-based animal welfare standards. In particular, the Parties shall cooperate to reinforce and broaden the scope of the World Organisation for Animal Health animal welfare standards, as well as their implementation, with a focus on farmed animals.
4. The Parties shall exchange information, expertise and experiences in the field of animal welfare related to the treatment of animals on the farm, during transport and at slaughter or killing.
5. The Parties shall continue to cooperate on research in the area of animal welfare to facilitate the development of science-based animal welfare standards related to the treatment of animals on the farm, during transport and at slaughter or killing.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in each Party's laws and regulations on animal welfare.

### ARTICLE 8.3

#### Technical working group on animal welfare

The Parties hereby establish a technical working group on animal welfare. The technical working group on animal welfare shall report to and undertake activities specified by the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

