

*EU-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement
Without prejudice*

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CHAPTER X

ANIMAL WELFARE

ARTICLE X.1

Objectives

The objective of this Chapter is to enhance cooperation between the Parties on animal welfare of farmed animals.

ARTICLE X.2

General provisions and co-operation

1. The Parties recognise that animals are sentient beings.¹
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 undertake to cooperate in international fora to promote the development and implementation of scientifically based animal welfare standards. In particular, the Parties will cooperate to reinforce and broaden the scope of the OIE animal welfare standards, as well as the 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 of farmed animals
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.

ARTICLE X.3

¹ As defined in each Party's respective animal welfare legislation.

Technical working group on animal welfare

1. The Parties hereby establish a Technical Working Group on animal welfare. The working group shall report and undertake activities specified by the Sanitary Agreement Joint Management Committee.