

Animal Welfare

EU LEGISLATION

OVER THE PAST **40 YEARS** THE EUROPEAN UNION
HAS ESTABLISHED A
COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK
TO PROMOTE ANIMAL WELFARE AT ALL STAGES OF
A FARM ANIMAL'S LIFE:



5 ANIMAL WELFARE
LEGISLATION PROTECTS THE
FREEDOMS DEFINED
BY THE WORLD ORGANIZATION
FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE):

FREEDOM FROM
**HUNGER AND
THIRST**

FREEDOM FROM
DISCOMFORT

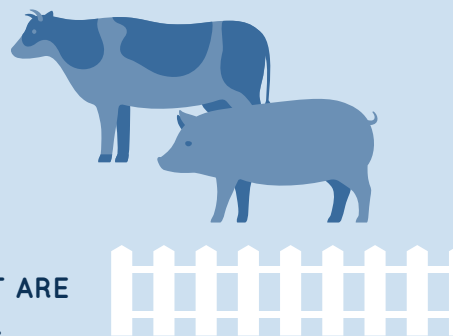
FREEDOM FROM
**PAIN, INJURY
AND DISEASE**

FREEDOM TO
**EXPRESS
NORMAL
BEHAVIOUR**

FREEDOM FROM
**FEAR AND
DISTRESS**

ON THE FARM

DIRECTIVE
98/58/EC
SETS UP STANDARDS FOR THE
PROTECTION OF ANIMALS THAT ARE
BRED FOR FARMING PURPOSES.



REGULATION
(EC)
No. 1/2005
LAYS DOWN RULES TO
ENSURE ANIMAL WELFARE
DURING TRANSPORT OF
LIVE ANIMALS.

DURING TRANSPORT

REGULATION
(EC)
No. 1099/2009
AIMS TO PROTECT ANIMALS
DURING THE LAST STAGES
OF THEIR LIFE.

END OF LIFE

IN ADDITION, THE EU HAS ESTABLISHED SPECIFIC PIECES OF
LEGISLATION TO ENSURE ANIMAL WELFARE OF PIGS, CATTLE,
CALVES, BROILERS AND LAYING HENS.

GME COMMITMENTS ON ANIMAL WELFARE

ANIMALS NEED TO BE
TREATED WITH RESPECT.
ALTHOUGH GELATINE MANUFACTURERS DO NOT DEAL
WITH LIVE ANIMALS, GME HAS A ROLE TO
PLAY IN PROMOTING ANIMAL WELFARE
IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN:



GME MEMBER COMPANIES
EXCLUSIVELY SOURCE THEIR
RAW MATERIALS
FROM AUTHORISED
ESTABLISHMENTS

PROVIDING
**ANIMALS FIT FOR
HUMAN
CONSUMPTION,**
INSPECTED BY VETERINARIANS AND
COMPLIANT WITH ALL RELEVANT
LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.



GME HAS DEVELOPED A
GUIDANCE
TO HELP GELATINE
MANUFACTURERS
TO VERIFY
WHICH ACTIONS
**THEIR SUPPLIERS
HAVE TAKEN
TO ENSURE
ANIMAL WELFARE.**

**GME IS COMMITTED
TO SUPPORTING ALL
FUTURE REASONABLE MEASURES AIMED AT
IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE.**