

The CIWF report was published in November 1994 just before the EU voted to extend its moratorium, which bans the use of BST, until the year 2000. The Council of Ministers of the EU suggest that by that time further scientific data as to the effects it has on cows will have been collected and that this could be used in any reassessment of the situation.

The Cynical Abuse: BST – A Welfare Analysis Joyce D'Silva (1994). Compassion in World Farming: Petersfield, UK. 10pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, Charles House, 5A Charles Street, Petersfield, Hants GU32 3EH, UK. Price £2.50.

Codes of Animal Welfare

The New Zealand Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) has issued a further set* of Codes of Recommendation for the welfare of: animals at the time of slaughter, farmed pigs, exhibition animals and animals transported within New Zealand.

The codes have been produced after extensive consultation with industry and other interested groups and take account of the five basic animal needs:

- freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition
- the provision of appropriate comfort and shelter
- the prevention, or rapid diagnosis and treatment, of injury disease or infestation with parasites
- freedom from distress
- ability to display normal patterns of behaviour.

These detailed and most carefully prepared codes have been endorsed by the AWAC, ie they have official status in New Zealand. They will also, however, be of considerable interest to anyone elsewhere who is keeping or is responsible for preparing codes of welfare on slaughter animals, farmed pigs, exhibition animals or transported animals.

Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Slaughter at Licensed and Approved Premises. Code of Animal Welfare No 10. 17pp. ISBN 0 478 07337 2.

Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Pigs. Code of Animal Welfare No 13. 27pp. ISBN 0 478 07357 7.

Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Exhibit Animals and Information for Animal Exhibit Operators. Code of Animal Welfare No 14. 29pp. ISBN 0 478 07366 6.

Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Animals Transported within New Zealand. Code of Animal Welfare No 15. 51pp. ISBN 0 478 07372 0.

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*AWAC welfare codes on horses, bobby calves and animals in boarding establishments were reported in *Animal Welfare* 3(1994) 236-237.