

Following an introduction, the chapters of the report cover: the concept of stress, the regulatory mechanisms of stress, the stress effects of wildlife trade, and implications for international wildlife trade. A very extensive list of references (about 1000) is also included. Data on pre- and post-export disease and mortality are scant and often hard to track down; in drawing the currently available information together, this report provides a valuable review. It was submitted by the UK Department of Transport, Environment and the Regions for consideration at the 2000 CITES convention in Nairobi.

CITES is concerned only with species of conservation concern. It remains a very weak force for the welfare of these animals and has no powers at all to for the welfare protection of non CITES-listed species. As emphasized by this report, there is a need for greater welfare protection in the international trade in wild animals.

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### **Welfare of farmed animals legislation**

New farmed animals legislation came into force in England in August 2000. The new regulations replace some existing UK legislation and implement *EU Directive 98/58/EC* which sets, for the first time, minimum standards across Europe for the welfare of all farmed animals (but invertebrates are excluded). Similar legislation is being drawn up in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Provisions to which all farmed animals are subject are listed in *Schedule 1* of this legislation. Additional provisions pertaining to particular types of livestock (laying hens, poultry other than laying hens, calves confined for rearing and fattening, cattle, pigs and rabbits) are set out in further schedules.

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*The Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000.* (2000). 15pp. Loose-leaf. The Stationery Office: London. Obtainable from the Stationery Office Publications Centre, PO Box 276, London SW8 5DT, UK (Statutory Instrument 2000 No 1870). Price £3.00.