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SMR's 9, 10 & 11 relating to Animal Welfare

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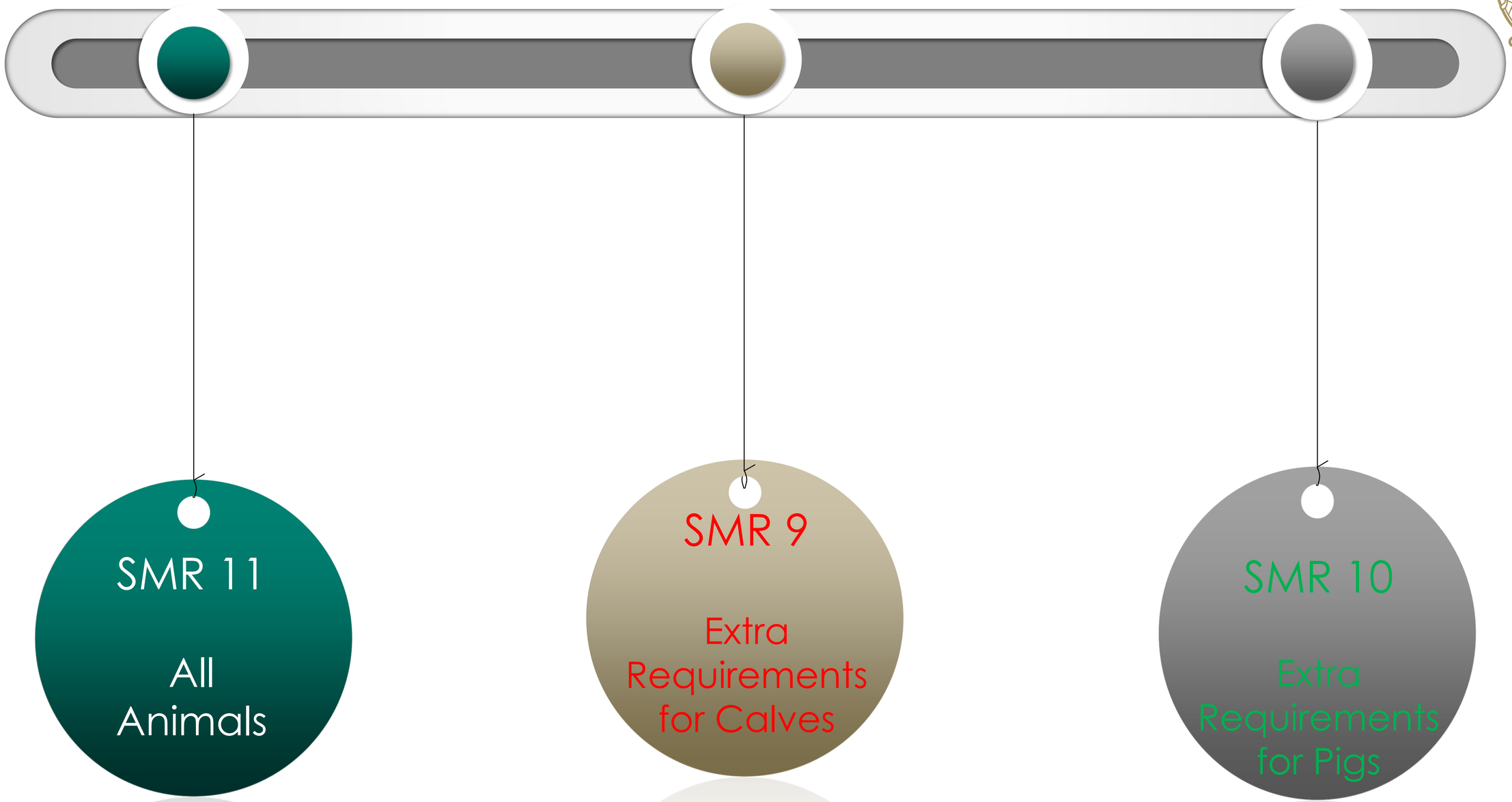
Animal Welfare



Presentation Overview

1. Legal Basis

2. Concepts of Animal Welfare

3. Welfare Requirements & Inspections

Legal Basis – EU Law

SMR 11: All **Farm Animals**

- Council Directive 98/58/EC

SMR 9: Extra requirements for **Calves**

- Council Directive 2008/119/EC

SMR 10: Extra requirements for **Pigs**

- Council Directive 2008/120/EC

Legal Basis – Irish Law

Council Directives transposed into national legislation by:

- European Communities (Welfare of Farmed Animals) Regulations 2010 (*S.I. No.311 of 2010*).

- Animal Health & Welfare Act 2013 and related SI's

The 5 Freedoms of Animal Welfare

- Hunger and Thirst
- Discomfort
- Pain, Injury and Disease
- Fear and distress
- Freedom to express normal behaviour

Farm Inspections

- Full Conditionality Inspections (1% ≈1,100)
- Ad hoc Instances
- DAFM Regional Veterinary Staff – Cross report

SMR 11 – Welfare of Animals

Aim is to protect the welfare of farmed animals by meeting minimum standards for their care and husbandry.

SMR 11 – Welfare of Animals

- Bred or kept to produce food, wool, skin, fur or other farming purpose
- Not applicable to animals used in competitions, shows, cultural or sporting events/activities or animals living in the wild

Welfare Requirements

Staffing

Inspection of Animals

Record Keeping

Freedom of Movement

Buildings, Accommodation & Lighting

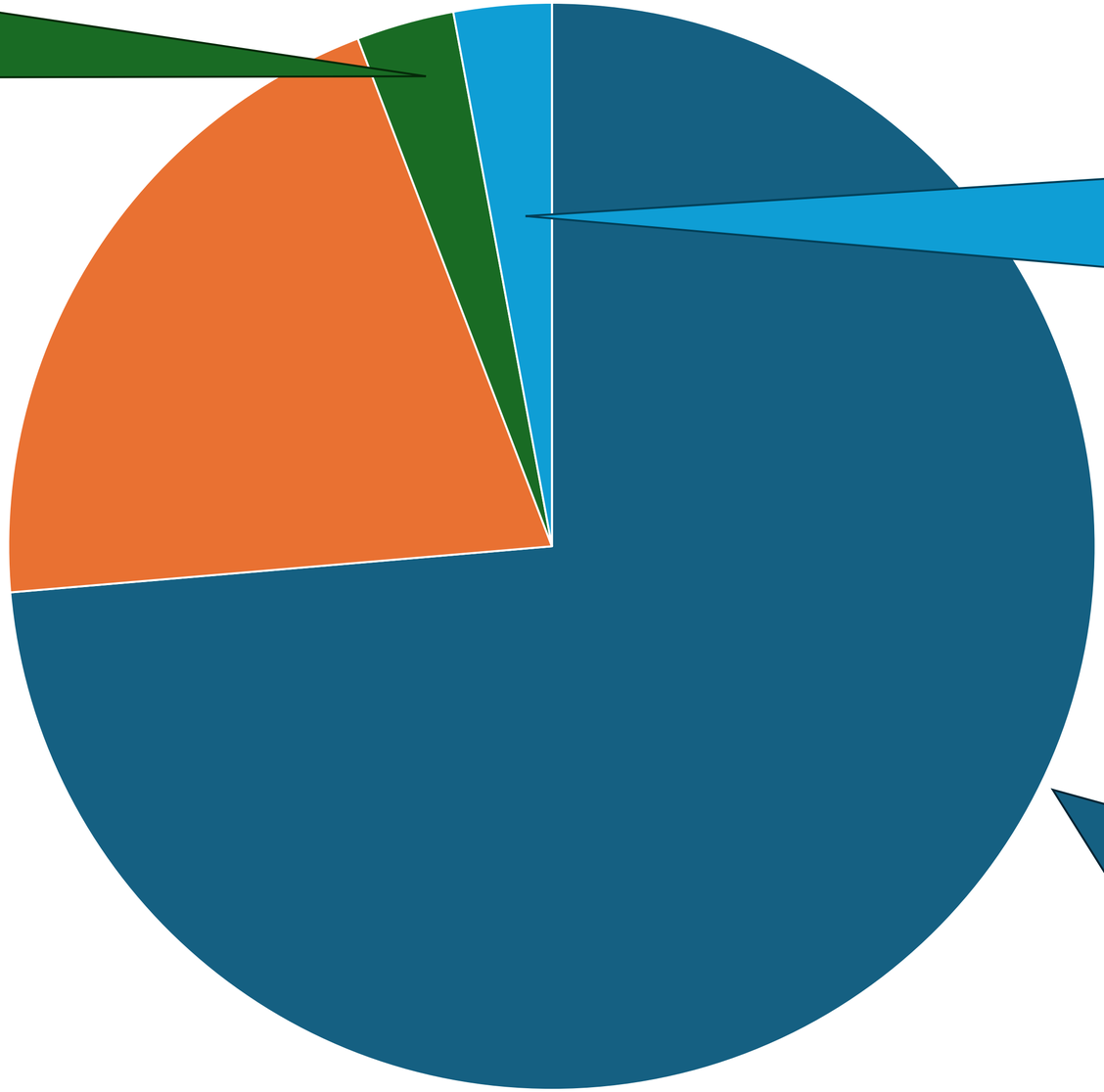
Breeding Procedures

Mutilations

Nutrition Feed and Water

Automatic or Mechanical Equipment

SMR 11 Findings 2024



Is there evidence that animals kept outdoors are not given protection from adverse weather conditions,predators or risks to their health?

Is there evidence that mutilation procedures (disbudding/dehorning, tail docking or castration) are not carried out on animals in accordance with legislative

Is there evidence that a record of mortalities is not maintained for three years as required by legislation?

Is there evidence that an Animal remedies record in compliance with legislation is not fully maintained for at least five years?

ANIMAL REMEDIES RECORD

Form of record to be kept IN DATE ORDER in accordance with Articles 108 and 109 of EU Regulation 2019/6 and applicable national law

PLEASE NOTE THE LATEST VERSION OF THE HERD REGISTER (BLUE BOOK) DOES NOT CONTAIN A SECTION FOR THE RECORDING OF ANIMAL REMEDIES. THE TEMPLATE BELOW CAN BE INSERTED INTO THE BLUE BOOK FOR RECORD KEEPING PURPOSES OR CAN BE MAINTAINED SEPARATELY.

For herd owners recording records in an older version of the blue book, see notes below.

Purchase/Incoming record				**Administration/Outgoing details**						
Quantity*	Authorised name of animal remedy*	Date of receipt*	Name & Address of Supplier*	Date of Administration	Authorised name & quantity of animal remedy administered	Identity of Animal**	Date of expiry of withdrawal period	Name of person who administered the animal remedy	Name of prescribing Veterinary Practitioner (if applicable)	Quantities of unused or expired animal remedies which were returned ***

* These columns are not in the herd register (BLUE BOOK). It is enough to keep invoice or receipts or prescriptions.

**Insert identity of animal to which the animal remedy was administered including Ear Tag No. if appropriate

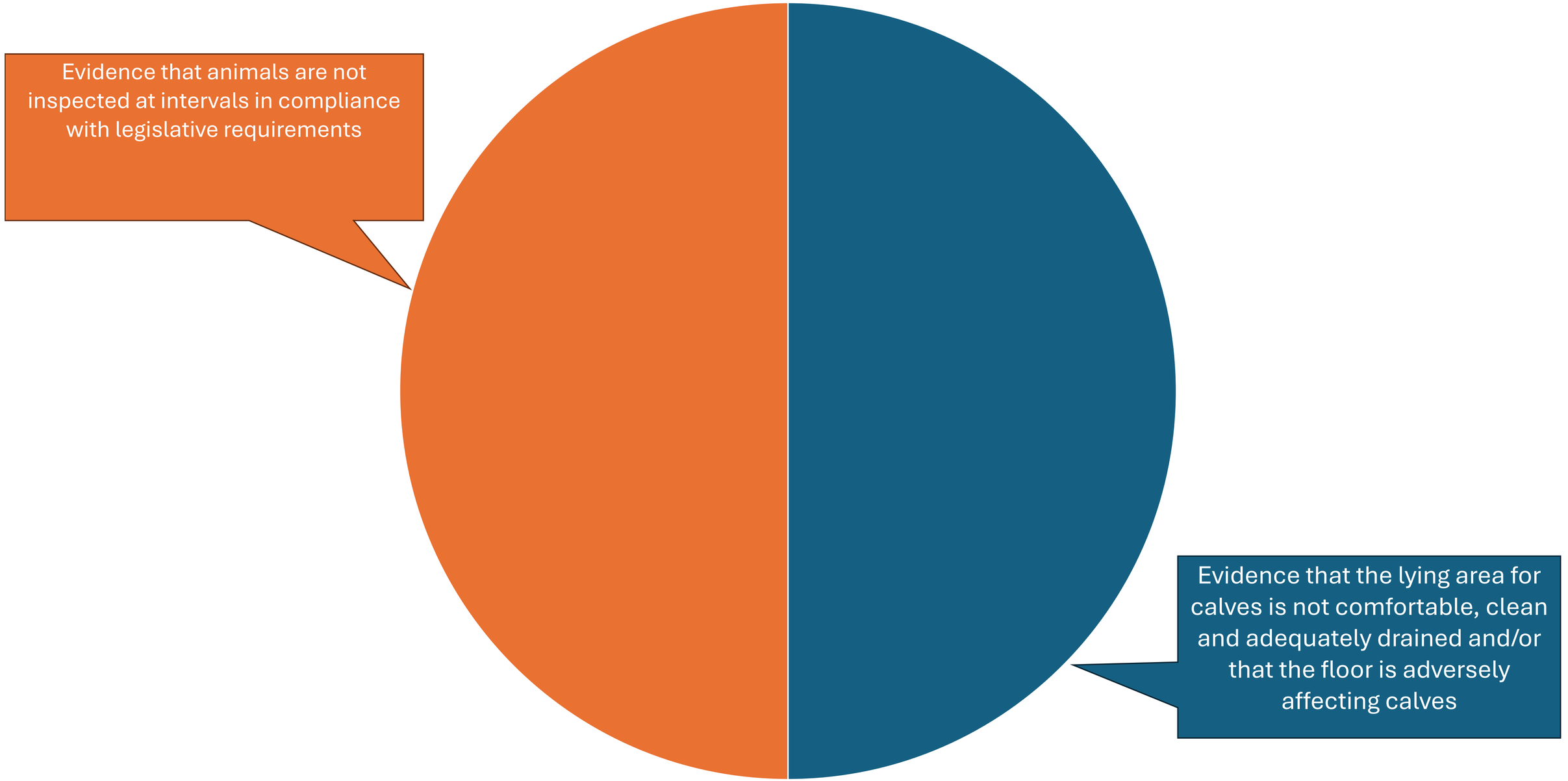
*** **PLEASE NOTE THIS COLUMN IS NOT IN THE HERD REGISTER (BLUE BOOK). You can use the last column in the blue book to record this information or keep a record separately.**

SMR 9 – Welfare of Calves (Bovine up to 6 mths)

Extra/Specific Requirements:

- Routine Inspections of Animals
- Freedom of Movement
- Housing
- Feeding and Nutrition

SMR 9 Findings 2024



SMR 10 – Welfare of Pigs

Inspection carried out by DAFM Veterinary Inspectors on:

- Large Commercial Units

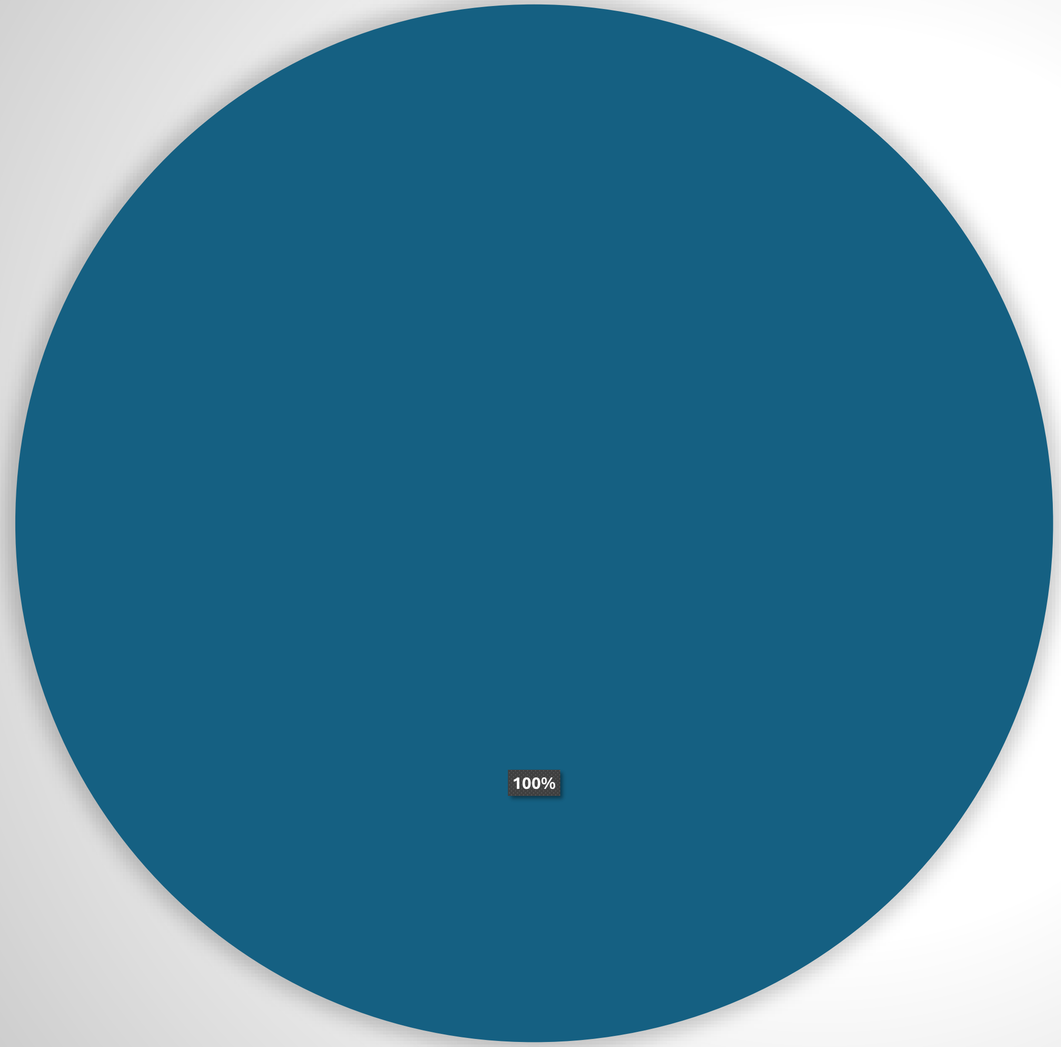
&

- Hobby/Organic Operations

SMR 10 – Welfare of Pigs

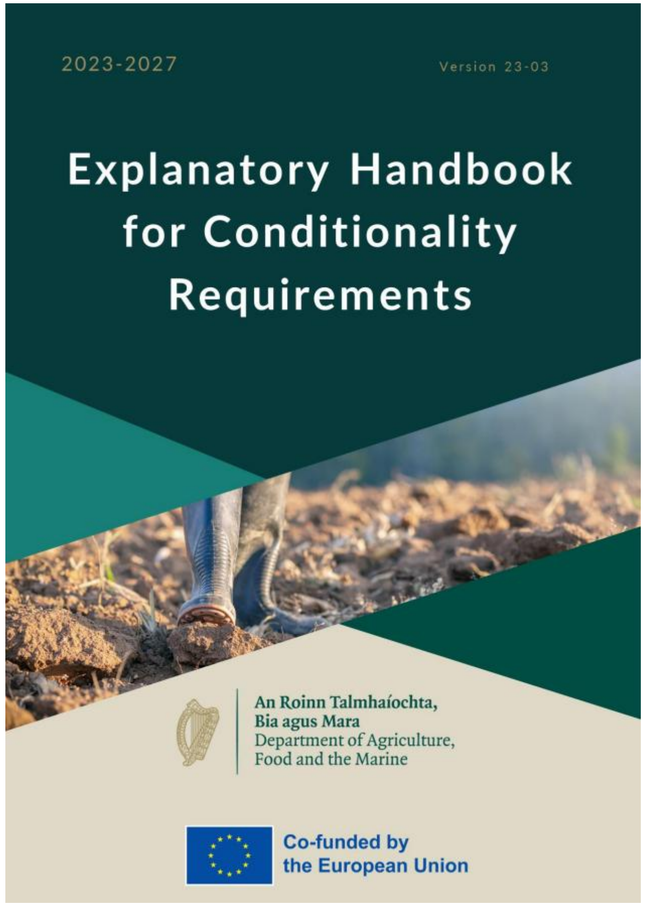
- Freedom of Movement
- Housing & Equipment
- Feeding & Nutrition
- Weaning Procedures
- Routine Inspection
- Mutilations

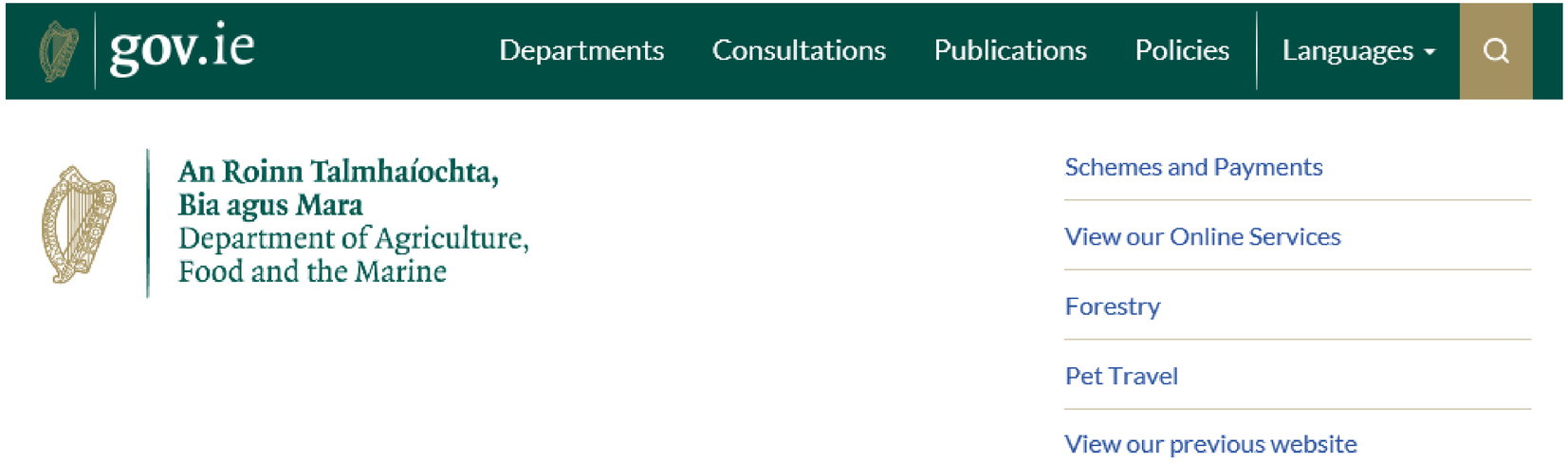
SMR 10 Inspection Findings 2024



- Inadequate Buildings, Lighting and Accomodation

Further Information





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