#### Leiðbeiningar

### Evaluation of animal-based welfare indicators



For use at inspections at farm or in slaughterhouses to evaluate if the condition of animals complies with the requirements in the regulation regarding animal-based welfare indicators as cleanliness, body condition score, lameness, injuries and lesions.

Every room where animals are held is inspected. It is checked if any animal classifies in the "red" category or in "yellow" category. Each production form is counted separately as i.e. milking cows or calves, sows or slaughter pigs. In case of separate housing, even though there is the same production category, each house is counted separately, as conditions can be different in each house.

It is best to start to evaluate the flock for animals in red category. Red means that the situation for that animal is unacceptable, if the farmer has not responded to the condition in some way, i.e. the animal is put in sick pen, had attention of a veterinarian, or there is introduced other appropriate actions to correct the situation. Without appropriate actions, one animal in red category is enough so the inspected category is classified as non-compliance. However, if appropriate corrective actions have been implemented, the animal is classified as "yellow" until the situation is acceptable.

Animals that classify as "yellow" means the situation is borderline or needs more attention. In that case the rate of animals in yellow category, calculated as % of the total flock matters for the conclusion. The % of yellow decides if the indicator is considered as acceptable (green), if follow up or more attention is needed (yellow), or if the indicator is scored as "frávik" or "alvarlegt frávik" (red). **Nota bene** if animals classify as yellow it does **NOT** mean that the indicator is scored "frávik" and classification of animals in red "alvarlegt frávik". However, animals scored red, without appropriate corrections taken, always mean "non-compliance". The inspector than must evaluate the severity in order to decide between "frávik" and "alvarlegt frávik".

- a. If % of animals that scored yellow is less, then 5% the indicator is acceptable "í lagi" (green)
- b. If % of animals that scored yellow is 5-15% the farm might need more attention and follow up. Usually scoring of "frávik" is not registered until the rate of yellow in the flock is >15%.
- c. If % of animals that scored yellow is more than 15% the indicator score non-compliance, "frávik", or "alvarlegt frávik". The inspector then must evaluate the severity to decide between.

Date:	
Inspector(s):	
Farm:	
Owner/responsible person:	
At inspection: Owner Other (who):	
Species	No. of houses/units
Number of animals (in each production unit)	
Number of animals inspected:	

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### Total result of inspection

	Acceptable	Need more attention rate of the flock in %	Unacceptable Frávik/alvarlegt frávik
BCS			
No. of animals		< 5 %	
		5-15% >15 %	
Cleanliness			
No. of animals		< 5 %	
		5-15%	
Lameness		>15 %	
		<5 %	
No. of animals		5-15%	
		>15 %	
Lesions or injury			
No. of animals		<5 %	
		5-15%	
		>15 %	