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Defined terms

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Part 1 — Preliminary

1. Citation

These regulations are the *Animal Welfare (Poultry) Regulations 2024*.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation as follows —

- (a) Part 1 — on the day on which these regulations are published on the WA legislation website (*publication day*);
- (b) Part 5 — on 1 July 2025;
- (c) the rest of the regulations — on the day after publication day.

3. Terms used

In these regulations —

appropriate, in relation to a thing or area, has the meaning given in regulation 4;

bird level means the height of the bird's head when the bird is standing normally;

breeding, in relation to poultry, means poultry reared, kept and managed for the purposes of breeding poultry, whether or not the poultry are sexually mature or male;

brooder means a heated structure for raising young poultry;

captive poultry has the meaning given in regulation 20;

chicken means a member of the species *Gallus gallus*;

commercial egg production means a business that involves keeping 50 or more chickens for the purpose of producing eggs for sale, whether or not those chickens are all kept at the same place;

commercial poultry production means a business that involves breeding, keeping or the slaughter of poultry for the purpose of selling poultry or poultry products;

laying hen —

- (a) means a female chicken that is at least 18 weeks of age; but
- (b) does not include a breeding chicken;

laying shed means a building or structure in which 1 or more laying hens are caged for the purpose of commercial egg production;

nest area means an area of a cage for a laying hen to nest in that is dark, secluded and separated from other chickens in the cage;

Part 2 operative period, in relation to a laying shed, means the period beginning on the day on which this definition comes into operation and ending on —

- (a) for a laying shed where the cages were first installed on or before 31 December 2011 — 30 June 2032; or
- (b) for a laying shed where the cages were first installed in 2012 — 30 June 2033; or
- (c) for a laying shed where the cages were first installed in 2013 — 30 June 2034; or
- (d) for a laying shed where the cages were first installed in 2014 — 30 June 2035; or
- (e) for a laying shed where the cages were first installed on or after 1 January 2015 but before 1 July 2022 — 30 June 2036;

person responsible, for poultry, means any of the following —

- (a) the person who owns the poultry;
- (b) the person having care, supervision, custody or control of the poultry;
- (c) if a person referred to in paragraph (b) is a member of staff of another person — that other person;
- (d) the person who owns, uses, manages or controls the place or vehicle where the poultry are located;
- (e) the person who is responsible for the operation of the place at which the poultry are located;

pick up, in relation to live poultry —

- (a) means removing the live poultry from the shed where the poultry are kept; and
- (b) includes removing the live poultry from the shed for slaughter;

poultry means any of the following —

- (a) birds in the family Phasianidae, including —
 - (i) partridges; and
 - (ii) quails; and
 - (iii) pheasants; and
 - (iv) chickens; and
 - (v) guineafowl; and
 - (vi) turkeys;
- (b) birds in the family Anatidae, including —
 - (i) ducks; and
 - (ii) geese;
- (c) emus (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*);
- (d) ostriches (*Struthio camelus*);
- (e) pigeons (*Columba livia*);

shed means a building in which poultry are kept;

substrate means loose or friable material for poultry to peck, forage or scratch.

4. Appropriateness of thing or area for poultry

For the purposes of these regulations, a thing or area is *appropriate* for poultry if it is appropriate for the welfare, safety and health of the poultry, having regard to all relevant circumstances, including the poultry's species and the environment in which the poultry are kept or live.

[Parts 2-7 have not come into operation.]

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Notes

This is a compilation of the *Animal Welfare (Poultry) Regulations 2024*. For provisions that have come into operation see the compilation table. For provisions that have not yet come into operation see the uncommenced provisions table.

Compilation table

Citation	Published	Commencement
<i>Animal Welfare (Poultry) Regulations 2024 Pt. 1</i>	SL 2024/266 11 Dec 2024	11 Dec 2024 (see r. 2(a))

Uncommenced provisions table

To view the text of the uncommenced provisions see *Subsidiary legislation as made* on the WA Legislation website.

Citation	Published	Commencement
<i>Animal Welfare (Poultry) Regulations 2024 Pt. 2-7</i>	SL 2024/266 11 Dec 2024	Pt. 2-4, 6 and 7: 12 Dec 2024 (see r. 2(c)); Pt. 5: 1 Jul 2025 (see r. 2(b))

Defined terms

*[This is a list of terms defined and the provisions where they are defined.
The list is not part of the law.]*

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