

Requirements for an expert opinion and the procedure for calculating the value of an animal, including a breeding animal

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The Regulation is established on the basis of Section 66 (4) of the Veterinary Act .

§ 1. Scope of regulation

The regulation establishes the requirements for an expert opinion and the procedure for calculating the value of a slaughtered animal, including controlled slaughter, or an animal killed or killed due to an animal disease, including a breeding animal.

§ 2. Expert opinion

(1) The expert opinion (hereinafter *the opinion*) shall be formalized in writing.

(2) The opinion includes at least:

- 1) a market analysis, during which the general economic situation and the general price level of animals of the relevant animal species are evaluated, as well as a comparison of the demand-supply ratio;
- 2) analysis and assessment of the animal's achieved production indicators, which affect the animal's market value, and the animal's breed characteristics and the number of offspring;
- 3) a description of the methodology used in calculating the value of the breeding animal and the justification for the choice of the method used;
- 4) a proposal on the size of the value of the animal, showing how this value has been formed, taking into account, among other things, the age, sex and acquisition value of the animal and pointing out the circumstances that may change the value of the animal;
- 5) references to theoretical materials and data sources used in the assessment.

§ 3. Procedure for calculating the accounting value of the animal

(1) To calculate the accounting value of the animal, the meat weight of the animal is multiplied by the average purchase price of the meat.

(2) The meat weight of an animal is obtained by multiplying the live weight indicated on its weight sheet by the following coefficient:

- 1) for cattle, 0.47;
- 2) 0.72 for a pig;
- 3) 0.67 for a bird;
- 4) 0.47 for sheep.

(3) The calculated value of a piglet up to 77 days old is the price of the piglet published on the website of the European Commission in the calendar month preceding the calendar month of the piglet's slaughter, including control slaughter, or execution or death due to animal disease.

(4) The live weight of the animal is obtained by weighing the animal under the control of the veterinary supervision officer. In the case of a bird, to determine its live weight, a flock of birds consisting of birds of the same age fed on the same feeding scheme can be weighed at one time and the resulting live weight divided by the number of birds in the flock.

(5) The average purchase price of meat published by Statistics Estonia in the quarter preceding the animal's slaughter, including controlled slaughter, or execution or death due to an animal disease, shall be taken as the average purchase price of the meat of that animal species.

§ 4. Procedure for calculating the value of a breeding animal

(1) The value of the breeding animal is calculated by an expert according to the methodology specified in § 2 (2) point 3.

(2) In the event that the number of offspring of a breeding animal is smaller than usual for an animal of such age and with such breed characteristics, and if the animal has not achieved other relevant breeding characteristics by the time of slaughter, including controlled slaughter, or execution or death due to an animal disease, the value of this breeding animal is calculated in § 3 as an accounting value in the prescribed manner.

§ 5. Entry into force of the regulation

The regulation enters into force on December 1, 2021.