

**425/2005 Coll.**

**DECREE**

of 11 October 2005,

**amending Decree No 208/2004 Coll. laying down minimum standards for the protection of farm animals**

The Ministry of Agriculture stipulates pursuant to section 29 para 1 of the Act No 246/1992 Coll., on the protection of animals against cruelty, as amended by Act No 77/2004 Coll., for the implementation of section 10, 12a and section 12c para 3 of the Act:

Article I

Decree No 208/2004 Coll. laying down minimum standards for the protection of farm animals shall be amended as follows:

1. In section 3 para 8 letter (c) number “21” replaces number “28”.
2. In section 3 the paragraph 12 is deleted.  
The existing paragraphs 13 to 15 are re-numbered as paragraphs 12 to 14.
3. In section 3 para 12 the initial part of the provision the words “which do not apply to holdings with fewer than 6 reared pigs or 5 sows with their piglets” is deleted.
4. In section 3 para 12 letter (e) shall be worded as follows:  
“e) In the week before the expected farrowing time sows and gilts must be given suitable nesting material in sufficient quantity, if it is technically feasible for the slurry system used in the establishment.”
5. In section 3 para 12 letter (f) the words “the system shall provide for a natural or assisted; farrowing pens where sows are kept loose, must be equipped with cage barriers for the protection of piglets and must be designed so as to avoid pig injuries; where cage barriers are used the minimum length of the pen for a sow shall be 2,1 m and the minimum width of the pen shall be 0,7 m and there shall be at least 0,3 m of unobstructed area behind the barrier“ shall be replaced by “;farrowing pens where sows are kept loose shall be equipped with barriers for the protection of piglets“.
6. In section 3 the final full stop at the end of paragraph 12 shall be replaced by a comma and the following letters (g) and (h) are inserted:  
“g) tethers and harnesses for sows or gilts shall not be used,  
h) sows and gilts shall have permanent access to material enabling ethological activities.“.

7. Section 3 paragraph 13 shall be worded as follows:

“(13) Provisions of paragraph 9 letter (c) and (d), the part of the sentence following the second semicolon and of paragraph 12 letter (a) to (c) and (h) shall apply to buildings newly built, rebuilt or brought into use for the first time and as of 1 January 2013 to all buildings for pigs.“.

## Article II

### **Effective Date**

1. This Decree shall take effect on 1 November 2005.
2. Provisions of Article I point 6, with respect to section 3 para 12 letter (g) shall take effect on 1 January 2006.

Minister:

Ing. Zgarba