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**STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION
FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS KEPT FOR FARMING PURPOSES (T-AP)**

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Proposed definition of the expression:
“Scientific knowledge and established experience”

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In accordance with Article 3 of the European Convention for the protection of animals kept for farming purposes “Animals shall be housed and provided with food, water and care in a manner which - having regard to their species and to their degree of development, adaptation and domestication – is appropriate to their physiological and ethological needs in accordance with established experience and scientific knowledge.”

For the purpose of the Convention, it is meant by :

“Established experience”:

Knowledge that is put beyond doubt and that is gained through direct participation in animal husbandry or clinical veterinary practice.

« Scientific knowledge » :

Results published after peer review in internationally well-known and respected journals, or by an internationally well known and respected scientific body.