



To whom it may concern

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Any animal experiment performed in Denmark including Aarhus University must comply with the EU Directive on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes (63/2010, entry into force by 01.01.2013^{1, 2}) as well as national legislation³⁻⁸ and Institutional regulations, including the Animal Welfare Policy at Aarhus University⁹.

Any animal experiment, *i.e.* any procedure that exceeds the needle criterion, performed at a Danish research institution requires a permit from the Danish Animal Experiments Inspectorate (DAEI) as the competent authority. Thus individual universities have no jurisdiction to issue permits, but have the responsibility to ensure that all activities involving experimental animals comply with national laws and rules. Aarhus University fulfills this requirement through a local university committee that oversees animal research and the housing facilities. As such this local committee is the equivalent of an IACUC, although permits can only be issued by the DAEI. The DAEI perform unannounced inspections at regular basis to ensure that housing facilities and experimental procedures comply with the regulations and the particular license. References to the regulations and policy are listed below.

The DAEI is the competent authority appointed by the Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark, which is chaired by a judge, and has representation from major stake holders, such as research councils, industry and animal welfare groups. As stated by European laws for animal's experiments, all researchers applying for a license for a particular experiment must have a FELASA C course or equivalent.

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References to the regulations and policy

- 1) DIRECTIVE 2010/63/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of September 22, 2010 on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes.
- 2) Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of December 22, 2004 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97.
- 3) The directive is implemented in the Danish laws: The law on animal experimentation (LBK no. 253 of March 8, 2013).
- 4) The executive order on animals experimentation and maintenance of laboratory animals BEK no. 12 January 7, 2016).
- 5) Law on gene technology (LBK no. 259 of March 8, 2013).
- 6) Law of administration of the law (BEK no. 82 of January 29, 2013).
- 7) Law on payment of fee for obtaining permission (BEK no. 715 of August 1, 1994).
- 8) The executive order on protection of animals during transportation (BEK no. 820 of July 27, 2012).
- 9) Animal Welfare Policy at Aarhus University

<http://dyrefaciliteter.au.dk/fileadmin/dyrefaciliteter.au.dk/Animal-Welfare-Policy.pdf>