



## BAIE-Animal Welfare INTEROVIC Spain.

### Animal welfare commitment

**BAIE helps to improve the work of the sector by ensuring 100% Welfare by third party certification under accreditation.**

### About BAIE

At the moment one of the issues that are on the short list of conversations in society are those related to Animal Welfare. More and more people are aware of animal welfare and demand it in food production.

Although the European Union has the most demanding Animal Welfare Standards in the world, and these have been structurally adapted by the entire livestock sector, often even beyond what is required by law, it is true that not all producers guarantee sufficient Animal Welfare conditions and in some cases unfavourable conditions for the animals are still found.

It is therefore understandable that there is a need for vigilance, but it cannot be assumed that there is constant mistreatment in animal husbandry. Thus, a part of the animal protectionist population enthusiastically spreads images of those negligence that can be detected in animal husbandry, but, however, they remain silent about the majority of cases in which things are done right.

In this way, INTEROVIC has developed Animal Welfare INTEROVIC Spain, BAIE, as a tool to help us improve our work, increasing the welfare conditions of our productions and contributing to prevent negligence in these matters.

Thus, **BAIE contributes to maintain optimal conditions in terms of animal welfare and avoid any situation of stress or unnecessary suffering in animals**, ensuring the natural behavior can express innate impulses, maintaining a healthy and pain-free life. BAIE ensures that the animals are well fed, protected and healthy.

**BAIE gives 100% assurance of the welfare of our productions**, by offering living conditions that are better than in the wild. The animals raised under BAIE certification have a symbiotic relationship with their breeders, benefiting from good living conditions, with a quick and clean death; much better than their wild counterparts, which end with a long agonizing death or starvation.

Some of the many issues established by BAIE aim to ensure that the animals have comfortable accommodation and are guaranteed a sufficient, balanced



and healthy diet. In addition, they benefit from a veterinary service that guarantees the best possible health conditions and protection against parasites and parasite infestation.

**BAIE takes care of our lambs**, thanks to a third party certification model under accreditation that allows the objective, repeatable control, based on objective scientific and technical criteria, of those parameters that define in detail the situation of a farm and establishes a system of constant improvement that guarantees the welfare of the animals.

**BAIE is the seal that aims to ensure that meat and products derived from sheep and goats are guaranteed to meet the highest standards of animal welfare and traceability.** For this, the marketed products must pass more than a hundred requirements, certified by a previously accredited independent entity. These control points are endorsed by the independent Scientific Committee and established by the Interprofessional, offering and guaranteeing the highest level of animal protection.

## What is the scope of BAIE

This certification scheme is applied from the production of piglets and kids, through the typing centres and feedlots, to the final stages of the production process, including controls at the point of sale. In addition, it also includes skin certification.

## What is BAIE's differential value?

The novelty of this certification scheme is that it is based on the *objective control, repeatable and based on scientific-technical criteria, of more than 100 parameters*, which define in detail the situation of a farm. In this way, by knowing the characteristics of the environment and livestock management, as well as the state and behaviour of the animals, we can guarantee the welfare with which the lambs, suckling lambs and kids produced under this seal are reared.

This certification provides a plus in animal welfare conditions, by significantly expanding the fields of action and control, reinforcing and complementing aspects of the quality of life of the animals and traceability, as well as being conceived as a tool for continuous improvement. In the same way, the development of this scheme does not contradict with the applicable legislation and major international projects related to animal welfare and its indicators.

The methodology is established based on the identification and control of those aspects that may pose a risk to the physical or psychological well-being of the animals and the control of a traceability system to guarantee the custody of the identified products.

Its application involves both inspection of the adequacy of facilities and management practices, and assessment of compliance against established animal welfare principles.

BAIE Animal Welfare INTEROVIC Spain is part of the "Animal Welfare Commitment" seal being developed by several Spanish interprofessionals. A pioneering initiative worldwide that reflects the commitment of the sectors involved to comply with the highest standards of livestock welfare.

A useful, reliable and objective tool that INTEROVIC makes available to the sector to respond to the challenges that society demands in order to guarantee consumers the best care for animals.

## Which documents are included in BAIE

- Animal Welfare and Traceability Technical Regulations "Animal Welfare Commitment" BAIE
- General Regulations for the use of the Animal Welfare and Traceability Mark "Animal Welfare Commitment" BAIE
- ANNEX 1A. Animal Welfare and Traceability Requirements "Animal Welfare Commitment" BAIE. Sheep typing and fattening centre CTC.
- ANNEX 1B. Animal Welfare and Traceability Requirements "Animal Welfare Commitment" BAIE. Sheep and goat breeding and dairy production centres CL.
- ANNEX 2. Animal Welfare and Traceability Requirements. "Animal Welfare Commitment" BAIE. CPS Processing Centers - Slaughter.
- ANNEX 3. Animal Welfare and Traceability Requirements. "Animal Welfare Commitment" BAIE. CPIA Processing Centres - Food Industry.
- ANNEX 4. Animal Welfare and Traceability Requirements. "Animal Welfare Commitment" BAIE. CPP Processing Centres. - Skins.

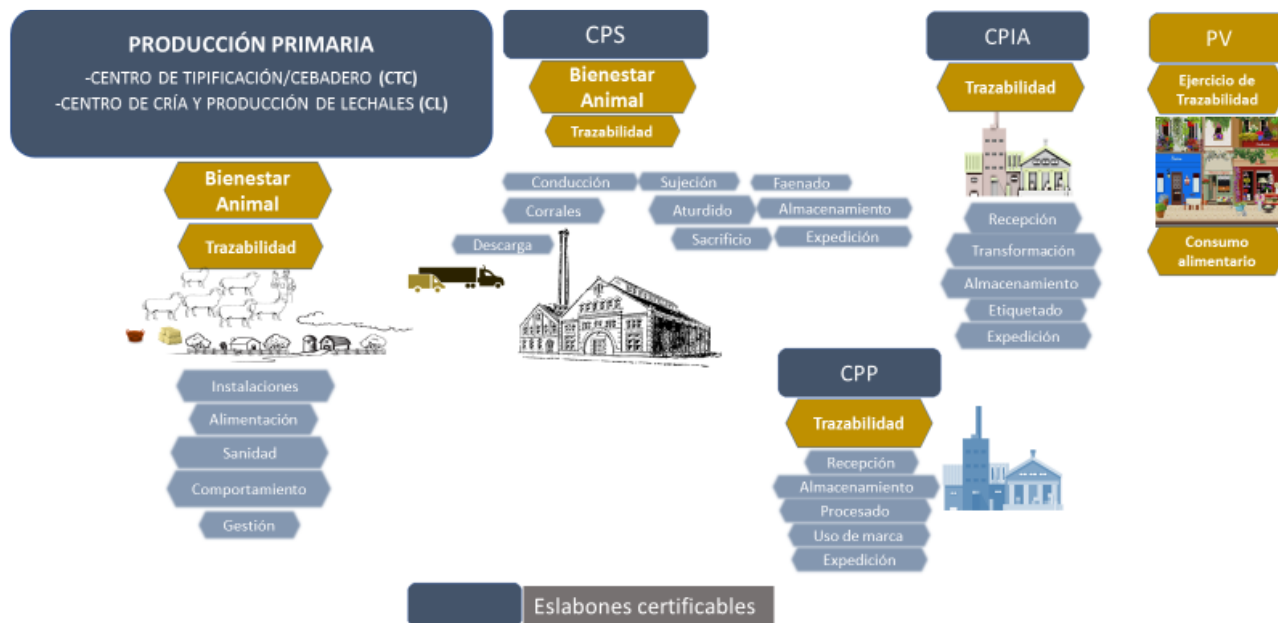
## BAIE's scope of application

The granting to an operator of authorisation for the graphic use of the "COMMITMENT TO ANIMAL WELFARE" BAIE Mark, whose holder is INTEROVIC, is regulated by means of a series of standardised requirements that can be certified by a Certification Body, with the aim of guaranteeing that the animals and their products covered by the Mark comply with the provisions of this document and its associated documentation.

The following types of operators are determined to be eligible for certification:

- Sheep typing centres and feedlots CTC
- Sheep and goat breeding and dairy production centres CL
- CPS Slaughter Center
- CPIA Food Industry
- CPP Leather Processing Industry

The following figure shows the scope of certification:



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## Areas of evaluation

Sheep typing and fattening centres CTC and Sheep and goat breeding and suckler production centres CL

Five groups of requirements have been established to be evaluated in the Facilities

- Facilities
- Feeding
- Health
- Behavior
- Management

Furthermore, in each of these groups, subgroups have been established with specific requirements for CTC and CL, respectively.

## Slaughter Processing Centre (SPC) and Cutting Rooms (CPIA)

Different areas have been established that affect the animal, from reception to slaughter and for the areas that affect the product from carcass dressing to commercialization.

<b>CPS REQUIREMENTS (Animal)</b>	<b>CPS /CPIA REQUIREMENTS (Product)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General</li> <li>• Suppliers</li> <li>• Traceability</li> <li>• Access Control</li> <li>• Staff</li> <li>• Download</li> <li>• Corrals</li> <li>• Fastening</li> <li>• Stunned</li> <li>• Incision</li> <li>• Bleeding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suppliers</li> <li>• Traceability</li> <li>• Corrective Actions</li> <li>• Training</li> </ul>

## Leather Processing Centres (LPC)

Five groups of requirements have been established to be evaluated in the facilities:

- Authorizations
- Suppliers
- Traceability
- Corrective Actions
- Training

## Self-Control System

The operator shall have a system of work and documentation that demonstrates compliance with the following:

- Compliance with the Five Freedoms to ensure Animal Welfare
- Animals will be treated with respect
- Compliance with the provisions of BAIE's reference documents
- The CTC, CL and CPS must have a high level of animal protection through the implementation of the established requirements and measures such as:
  - Physical security of the facilities
  - Access control: trucks, animals and people

- Cleaning and disinfection: trucks, sheds, corrals and transit areas.
- Control of animals, raw materials, foodstuffs and other introduced materials
- Vector and pest control
- Good general practices
- CTCs and CLs shall have a self-monitoring system that allows compliance with the requirements established in BAIE.
- The PSCs shall have a system in place to enable compliance with the requirements set out in BAIE.
- PSCs that acquire channels from other operators must implement an adequate system of supplier control and product identification and segregation.
- CPS and CPIA shall have a system in place to differentiate BAIE certified carcasses and other products from non-certified products.
- CPPs should have a system in place to differentiate BAIE-certified products from non-certified products.

## Evaluation system.

### Primary production (CTC and CL)

In the corresponding annexes, the analysis of the characteristics of the farm in its relation with the best quality of life of the animals in a positive sense, and even valuing the possibility of problems, this is specified numerically in a variable through the application of an algorithm and that allows us to value the farms between 0 and 100%, according to the evaluated conditions. Likewise, a series of aspects have been established which, in the event of a non-compliant situation, would give rise to the opening of non-conformities, which could be Critical, Serious or Slight.

When non-conformities are detected, the OEC shall act as follows:

Non-conformity	Measure	Remarks
CRITICA	Non-granting, suspension or withdrawal of certification until the non-compliances are remedied.	The submission of an action and evaluation plan by the OEC applies to: CTC, CL, CPS, CPIA and CPP. The evidence of implementation for critical requirements (legal and non-legal) cannot be budgets, photographs, records and other objective evidence of the actual closure of the incident will be considered valid.

Non-conformity	Measure	Remarks
GRAVE	<p>An action plan should be required and evaluated from the operator containing the correct form for each of the detected nonconformities:</p> <p>Analysis of the root causes of the non-conformity Repairing action Corrective action -Evidence of implantation Closing date</p>	<p>The submission of an action and evaluation plan by the OEC applies to: CTC, CPS, CL, CPIA and CPP.</p> <p>The CTC-CLs with scores below 30% will undergo an extraordinary audit to verify the implementation of the operator's action plan, re-evaluate the scores and verify the closure of non-compliances.</p> <p>CTC-CLs with scores of less than 50% and greater than or equal to 30% will have their scores on non-compliant variables re-evaluated through the evaluation of the action plan, so that they reach the minimum score of 50% and the non-compliances have been rectified.</p> <p>In CTC - CL with scores equal to or higher than 50%, it is not considered necessary to re-evaluate the scores, however operators will not be eligible for certification, maintain or renew their certificate if there is evidence of legal non-compliance pending closure.</p>
SLIGHT	<p>An action plan containing the following should be required and evaluated by the operator:</p> <p>Analysis of the root causes of the non-conformity Repairing action Corrective action Estimated closing date</p>	<p>The submission of an action plan and assessment by the OEC applies to CTC-CLs with scores below 50%, CPS, CPIA and CPP. CTC-CLs with scores less than 50% and greater than or equal to 30% will have their scores re-evaluated on the non-conforming variables satisfactorily evaluated by the OEC through the action plan analysis, so that they reach the minimum score of 50% in order to be certified. In these cases, the implementation of all non-conformities will be verified in the next audit.</p> <p>CTC-CLs with scores below 30% will undergo an extraordinary audit to re-evaluate the scores and verify the closure of non-compliances.</p>

### Non-conformities in primary production (CTC-CL)

Situation	% Compliance	Ranking	Re-evaluations required
CTC/CL Animal Welfare Commitment BAIE	100% - 50%	Farm with Animal Welfare Commitments BAIE	It requires the presentation of an action plan for the non-conformities detected.
CTC/CL Conditional on	>50% - 30%	Farm in the process of. BAIE, conditioned	They require the presentation of an action plan for the non-





re-evaluation of action plan		to action plan and re-evaluation.	conformities detected. Re-evaluation of scores
CTC/CL Non-compliant BAIE	>30%	BAIE non-compliant farm	Requires the submission of corrective actions for all detected non-conformities, requires re-audit and re-evaluation.

Sites with less than 30% that do not pass the minimum score after the extraordinary audit will be subject to non-award, suspension or withdrawal of certification. The operator may restart the process when the non-compliances are remedied.

In addition to the scoring system, a series of **non-compliances** are established that will be evaluated as critical, serious or minor non-conformities. Within the critical and serious non-conformities, legal requirements (L) have been included, taking into account that there cannot be certified farms with uncorrected legal non-compliances.

Therefore, the sites that will be directly eligible for certification, maintenance or renewal of the certificate must have the following characteristics:

- Minimum score of 50%.
- Absence of serious or critical non-conformities (legal and non-legal).

## Slaughter Processing Centre (SPC), Cutting Rooms (SCP) and Skin Processing Centres (SPC)

For this purpose, a system of conformity assessment of specific requirements is established. The requirements will be evaluated in the following way:

- According to
- Non-conforming
- Not applicable

## Certificates of Conformity

A validity/expiration period of 3 years from the date of issue of the certificate is established.





## Certification Process

### Provisional authorisation of the CBBs.

OECs must request in writing their interest in learning about the Animal Welfare Commitment - BAIE.

After receiving the application INTEROVIC will send to the CABs the application form for the authorization of conformity assessment bodies, once INTEROVIC receives the complete information requested in it, the Provisional Certification Authorization for BAIE will be sent to the CAB.

INTEROVIC will publish on its website [www.interovic.es/BAIE](http://www.interovic.es/BAIE) the list of OEC authorized for the corresponding certification.

### Operator Certification

Operators of primary production and processing centres should contact an OEC to request this service from the OEC or consult the list of Organisms authorised by INTEROVIC.